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Prince dismisses entire architecture council to end feuding



I gather he used to be on the Prince's architecture institute

BY ALAN HAMILTON MARCUS BINNEY AND EMMA WILKINS

THE Prince of Wales yesterday dismissed the entire governing council of his Institute of

The 14 council members, who include architects, engineers and public figures, were called to St James's Palace to be asked to resign. The Prince said the institute needed to take a new direction, and that it was time for the original council to go. Lord Morris of Castlemorris, the Labour peer who was the institute's chairman until yesterday, will remain as a member of the new steering group.

The institute, founded five years

ago to promote the Prince's ideas, will be run for the time being by a committee of five drawn from the old council. Mass resignation by the board is the clearest possible signal that the institute's new director, the archaeologist Professor Richard Hodges from the University of East Anglia, wishes to put a firm end to the internal struggles and person-ality conflicts which have beset the institute over the past three years and which led to the previous director, Dr Richard John, being asked to move sideways only nine

months after taking up the post.

Earlier this year the institute was refused academic approval and given two years to improve its academic standards. Without recog-nition from the Royal Institute of

British Architects and the Architects' Registration Council of the United Kingdom, students who complete the two-year course will not be able to practise architecture According to reports, yesterday's

ting was entirely amicable, with the Prince praising the outgoing council for what they achieved, starting from no more than an idea, since the institute's foundation in 1992. He described the present moment in the body's fortunes as "the end of the beginning". The council agreed unanimously to stand down to make way for a smaller group, which will determine the institute's future direction. A new chairman will be announced this weekend, and a new full-sized

A spokesman for the institute said last night that Professor Hodges wanted to make the institute more project-orientated. "It will be a policy of learning by doing. Stu-dents will be involved in practical projects ranging across every aspect of the built environment."

When the Prince began his archi-tectural summer school, which evolved into the institute, it was seen as a champion of traditional values. But the passionate views of some staff and teachers, to whom modern architecture in all forms was anathema, combined with a belief that classicism was the only proper style, led to disputes not only with the rest of the profession but within the

council may be appointed at a future school itself. A visiting board of academics singled out history as one of the school's main weaknesses. Ironically, it was criticised on its foundation by the architectural establishment over fears that it would be too obsessed with classicism and history.

Students' work has been criticised by leading architects. In a letter to the Architects' Journal, Martin Richardson described their work as inept, crude and lifeless. "Their work is poorly drawn and desper-ately undistinguished, however becrested with the Prince of Wales' feathers," he wrote.

The three architect members of the council who have resigned are: Christopher Alexander, an American instrumental in setting up the

school but who recently fell out with the Mary Rose Trust; Demetri Porphyrios, widely regarded as the best architect working in the classical tradition; and John Thomson, a champion of community architecture. The last two are expected to continue a close involvement with

the institute. Professor Hodges, the new director, was until recently the director of the British School in Rame, which colleagues say he rescued from a moribund state. Over the past three years he has been directing a major archaeological excavation at Butrint in Albania, which is said to be a new Pompeii, an undisturbed classical site of first-class importance.

Bonn refuses to

back down in

pre-summit row

By Charles Bremner and Philip Webster in Dublin

GERMANY stood firm last

night against heavy pressure

from its European Union part-

ners over the rules of mone-

tary union as finance min-

isters struggled to stop the

quarrel overshadowing to-day's European summit in

Dublin and casting new

doubts on the prospects for the

In a dispute that pits Bonn

against Paris and goes to the

heart of the monetary project,

the finance ministers were

ocked in negotiation to try to

bridge the gap between Bonn's demands for tough automatic

penalties for high-spending

members of the future curren-

cy and the wishes of the rest of

Europe to leave room for pol-

While Helmut Kohl, the

German Chancellor, and other leaders voiced some opti-

mism about a settlement on

the so-called stability pact, EU officials were preparing for a possible deadlock that would

go to their bosses, the heads of

government, to solve at the full

summit. Ruairi Quinn. the Irish Finance Minister, said as

single currency.

itical judgement.

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talks began in Dublin Castle

last night that there was no

sign of an imminent deal. "I

have no prior indication that

we can anticipate a break-

Last night, John Major arrived in Dublin for the summit,

his last before the general

election, making plain that he

would block attempts by the

French and Germans to beef

up the proposed new treaty on

The Prime Minister let it be

would veto a move by the

French to include in the draft

drawn up by the Irish EU

presidency proposals to ex-

range of areas including im-

migration, justice, home af-

fairs and foreign policy.

President Chirac would be backed by Herr Kohl in such

an enterprise, but it was clear Continued on page 2, col I

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known that if necessary

through," he said.

BBC excludes Blair in poll rigging row

TONY BLAIR was dismalified by the BBC yesterday from the Radio 4 Today programme's personality of the year ballot after the discovery of a secret Labour Party attempt to try to rig the result.

nominations for Mr Blair at midnight on Wednesday after the discovery of an "organised attempt" to distort the result in his *l*avour.

The unprecedented action by the BBC, which was approved by Tony Hall, the BBCs head of news and current affairs, was a serious embarrassment to the party leadership.
A letter, from the little

known Audience Participation Unit within the Labour Party campaign headquarters, was leaked to the BBC by the headquarters of the Unison trade union, which under Rodney Bickerstaffe has been an occasional thorn in Mr Blair's side

The letter, sent to hundreds of Labour Party officials and trade unionists, asked members to find six people to write in and vote for Mr Blair to ensure he beat John Major in

the prestigious competition.
The letter, from Jules Hurry, added: "Alternatively they can be faxed, though prefera-bly not on fax machines which identify the sender as the Labour Party."

A BBC statement said: "We deeply deprecate any attempt to interfere with what is intended to be a spontaneous opportunity for the pro-gramme's listeners to express heir point of view."

The Tories swiftly exploited news of the ban on Mr Blair. John Major said last night This is very said. It is said for Mr Blair that his staff engaged in mass manipulation of public opinion in an attempt to get a phoney result." in a damage-limitation exercise



Why The Spice Girls have a taste for Tory politics..... Page 3

the Labour Party leadership disowned the fax from Ms Hurry, who joined the payroll earlier this year. Tom Sawyer, general secretary of the Lab-our Party, said: The BBC are making a huge fuss about not

very much.
The truth is that an individual at party headquarters did this on their own initiative. and had we known it was being conducted, it would not have been sanctioned, and it

However, there was little prospect of Ms Hurry being disciplined, according to party absent from her desk throughout yesterday.

Mr Blair suffered a double

embarrassment as the clumsy intervention from the Labour Party headquartrers failed to achieve its objective and, for the second year running, he was unable to make the last six nominations. The letter of December 9 also said that it was vital to avoid a "repeat of last year when John Major won". He did not it was a posthumous award to Philip Lawrence, the murdered

The affair has shed light for the first time on the existence of the Audience Participation Unit which was set up earlier this year. Ms Hurry, part of a team of four, is paid to try to ensure that Labour Party activists take part in phone-ins

on radio and television. They also make them aware of how to obtain tickets to be part of television studio audience discussion programmes. They do not make public their party membership.

network of Peter Mandelson, the head of Labour's campaign unit. Mr Mandelson, the MP for Hardepool, is a close aide of Tony Blair. He is believed to be one of the "dark forces" around the Labour leader who were attacked by Clare Short earlier this

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory Party chairman, said last night: The Labour Party has been caught red-handed try-ing to cheat. This is proof positive that new Labour will cheat in any circumstance and break any rule in their lust for power. Even with their rig-ging, Mr Blair did not qualify in the top six candidates."

Tony Blair, who was in Dublin for a meeting of European socialist parties, attempted to make light of the incident. "I know nothing about this at all, but I think things are better done in the proper way." he said. "It is not something I would sanction. As soon as we were aware it was being done it was

stopped."
The attempt at vote-rigging was discovered yesterday morning after a copy of Ms Hurry's letter was faxed to the Today studios. Jon Barton, the editor, consulted with colleagues on the programme and decided to discount any votes received after midnight

on Wednesday. Previous winners are Terry Waite (1986), the Beirut hos-tage, Gordon Wilson, the En-niskilien bomb hero (1987). Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet President (1988 and 1989), and Michael Heseltine



Paul Thomas died in fume-filled car after saying to friends: "I can't cope"

Parents get drugs alert after pupil suicides

BY DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

TWO A-level students may have committed suicide after being drawn into the drugs underworld, the principal of their college warned parents yesterday. One boy had told classmates at Sir John Deane's College in Northwich, Cheshire, that he was in debt to a dealer.

Jack Tasker, head of the sixth-form college, which came fourth in the national Alevel table this summer, feared their deaths were drugs-related, and he warned parents in a letter that pushers were targeting their teenage children.

James Pearson, 16, from Chester, apparently committed suicide by jumping off a multi-storey car park near Blackpool's Golden Mile last

get planning permission to convert a former RAF base at

Finningley in south Yorkshire

into a jail. Without more

accommodation, the service

A Prison Service source

said: "It appears to meet our

requirements and would al-

student" with ten grade-A GCSEs, had confessed to classmates he owed money to

drug dealers. A second student who used drugs took his life at the



James Pearson: owed

weekend. Paul Thomas, 18, from Middlewich, died in a fume-filled car in Crewe on Saturday having left the 1.070student college a month ago, telling friends: "I can't cope."

Both deaths are being investigated by police and inquests will be held in the new year. Mr Tasker told parents: "It is likely that drugs are widely ity and the main target group for drug dealers will be the 16-

19 age group". Sir John Deane's, praised by inspectors for its "welldeserved reputation for academic excellence," is a popular choice for students in the

However, it has waged a long battle against drug push-ers. Staff called in police three years ago in a raid that led to Continued on page 2, col 7



Britain faces return of floating jail

The Times on the Internet http://www.fhe-times.co.uk



Millennium exhibition to go ahead The Millennium Commission

announced last night that the planned exhibition under a giant dome at Greenwich would take place. But the commission admitted that no deal had been reached on the

funding of the project.

The commissioners, who include Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Virginia Bottomiey, the Heritage Secretary, issued the statement after a second day of emergency meetings __Page 5

PRISON officials are planning to ship a former floating iail from the US and moor it in the Thames Estuary or Portland Harbour in Dorset to ease the accommodation crisis facing the service.

Two prison officials will this weekend visit the floating prison, Resolution, on the Hudson River near New York. Under the plan, it would hold 500 Category C offenders. The "last resort" option is being considered because the

faces being unable to accept new prisoners sometime between February and April. The Resolution would be shipped aboard a huge barge and could accept its first inmates by February.

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT Prison Service fears it will not low us to carry out a full range of activities. It has on it sporting facilities allowing prisoners to exercise and a full range of workshops."

The Resolution, formerly owned by the Bibby Line, provided dormitory accommodation for soldiers after the Falklands conflict but was converted into a prison ship in 1989. It was used by the New York City Department of Corrections to hold medium-security prisoners until 1994. In addition to inspecting the Resolution, the Prison Service is looking at other disused military bases.

Last week the prison population rose by 41 to a record 58,516 after a period when increases had been running at about 250 a week.

Stephen Shaw, director of the Prison Reform Trust, said: "It shows what a desperate state we are in that the Prison Service is considering the introduction of prison hulks."

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House sees MP exercised by demon of the D-word

The forbidden exerts a fatal fascination. Don't mention the war" was exactly what Basil Fawlty found himself unable to avoid doing when German guests arrived at Fawlty Towers. He was drawn like a

Which of us has not experienced this? The subject we know to be taboo leaps from behind the bushes of our thoughts, hissing "mention mel" at precisely the worst moment. The ugly scar we know we must not stare at when we meet our niece peeks over her lace blouse The elements of his small scowling "look at me!" until drawn by some irresistible force, our eyes dive for her

And the word we've been told is the one word to avoid over tea with the vicar insinuates itself into our mind, softly cooing "say me!" as we proffer the cake and lurch towards the sentence "do tuck in, Father". Somewhere in the unconscious mind, Nemesis calls, siren-like, from the rocks.

Yesterday Nemesis called Harry Greenway.

tragedy began as unrelated events. At about the time that Mr Greenway (C. Ealing N) was discovering to his joy, that his question to the PM was first on the list for yesterday, the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee was agonising over a word to use in place of 'lie" to describe the evidence of the former whip David Willetts. They decided on

On Wednesday night, at about the time that gleeful



(for that section of the public that supposed "dissemble" was the opposite of what you do with a model aeroplane kit) the exact meaning of the newly fashionable word. Mr Greenway was pondering what to ask Mr Major. He decided to ask about the need to protect the British veto in

about the time that Peter Mandelson was tugging the sleeves of Labour backbenchers with his wheeze for the day - "use the word 'dissemble' in your questions to the Prime Minister" - Mr Greenway was making a mental note: "Avoid the word

'dissemble' in my question to the Prime Minis In Tony Blair's absence, Mr Major. At 3.15 in the afternoon, Prescott checked his script. The phrase was "Why carry on dissembling?" John Hutton (Lab. Barrow and Furness) rehearsed his own phrase "Has dissembling become a way of life?" A score of Labour MPs reviewed their own plans to ask about dissembling.

Harry Greenway was rising to his feet. All he had to do was ask about the British veto without using the word "dis-We are hardly looking at a new-boy. Mr Greenway, who is 62, has been an MP for 17 years. An assiduous attender. this former headmaster's command of the English language is complete.

"Mr Harry Greenway! Madam Speaker called. Will my Right Honour able Friend confirm," he asked, "that in the run-up to the Dublin summit he will

So far, so good. But something caused him to take a second bite ...

not abandon the British

Will he assure the House

He hesitated. He wanted a word for "dismantle" or "pick anart". Greenway's normally expressive features locked, as though momentarily gripped by some malevolent internal power. I thought I saw him

.. dissemble that vcto?" Like an innocent possessed by dark forces, Mr Greenway ooked dazed and surprised by the uproar which engulfed him. The demon of Fawity Tory Towers had struck again.

Help promised for lorry drivers

EU ministers end limits on damages for air crashes

AIRLINES will be liable for unlimited damages for accidents in which passengers are killed or injured, under rules agreed in Brussels last

European Union transport ministers agreed to end the much-criticised system of fixed ceilings on payments set up under the 1929 Warsaw Convention.

The new agreement, which will apply to all European Union airlines, means that passengers or their families will be entitled to open-ended damages in accidents for which airlines are responsible and to payments of £30,000 for accidents even when the airline is not to blame; and that families of passengers who die in an air accident will be entitled to receive the first £40,000 within ten

The Warsaw Convention set a limit of about £10,000 on claims, although most countries have raised the level. In America the ceiling is £50,000, while many European airlines for almost have opted

Austrian Airlines and Finnair

Continued from page I last night that the Prime Minister had decided to make

the defence of the national veto

the centrepiece of what could

be his last summit battle if he

hands over to Tony Blair after

talks progressed last night,

officials said that there seemed

hope for a broad accord "in

principle" on a stability pact.

That would leave open some

details for future negotiation.

but would allow for a smooth-

er summit today and tomor-

row in which the leaders could

claim that a further step had

been taken along the road to

As the finance ministers'

the election next year.

Last month, five European airlines, KLM, SAS, Swissair.



Goschen: deplored blockades on Continent

agreed to abolish limits, join-ing Japanese airlines which

ended them in 1992. The agreement must now be passed by the European Parliament before coming back to European transport ministers for final approval.

The transport minister. Viscount Goschen, won commitments when he pressed fellow ministers for action to help British lorry drivers hit by Anne-Marie Idrac, had prom- such claims," the minister ised to deal with compensation said.

Bonn refuses to back down

European economic and mon-

Failure to reach agreement

would cast a shadow over to-

day's summit, where, among

other things. Europe is to be

given its first sight of the new

euro banknotes that are to

A full-blown quarrel over

what other states see as Ger-

man bullying would also dis-

tract attention from the

meeting's main aim: giving a

shove to the new-model Maas-

tricht treaty, which has been

sketched out by Ireland and

must be finished by the Dutch

presidency in Amsterdam next

June. Herr Kohl's and Presi-

replace national currencies.

etary union.

Greek transport minister. Haris Kastanidis, had promised to do all in his power to help free British drivers who have been trapped for almost

Lord Goschen told the French minister that some small British firms had suffered badly from the lorry drivers' strike and should be given special attention, with interim payments if necessary. "Central government must ensure that there are no delays and be ready to deal with the concerns of the United Kingdom." he said.

He added: "We deplore the blockades of key roads by farmers in Greece. It is unacceptable that innocent parties are suffering because of this national disagreement between farmers and the Greek Government.

"I have urged the Greek minister to do everything possible to secure the release of foreign vehicles that are still

trapped in Greece.
"We shall of course be supporting any claims sub-mitted by British hauliers blockades by striking drivers and have asked Greece what in France and Greece. He said arrangements they will put and have asked Greece what that his French counterpart, in place for handling

dent Chirae's effort to present

a common push for a frontier-

free EU and more majority

voting would ring hollow

against the background of a

continuing quarrel in Eu-

rope's core partnership. The British star in Dublin

yesterday for some EU lead-

ers, however, was Mr Blair,

who was given near royal

treatment by left-wing leaders

at their traditional pre-summ-

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Shameful legacy of hulks that housed the peasantry and offended Dickens

THE prospect of a floating jail moored off the coast before Charles Dickens smelt their stench and campaigned against them. Prison ships had always offended reformers who were appalled by the inhumanity they represented. The "hulks" were intro-

duced in great numbers in 1775 when the War of Independence meant that America could no longer be used as a dumping ground for thousands of destitute peasants and petty thieves. With not enough prisons in the land to accommodate them, old ships of the line were converted work dredging the Thames and other maritime rivers.

Hulks became a common sight during the Napoleonic wars. HMS Bellerophon, on which Napoleon surrendered after the battle of Waterloo, became a prison ship in the Medway until 1825. During the war, French



Resolution, the former American prison ship which may be pressed into service in Britain

outh and forced to build themselves a better prison.

Dartmoor.
If conditions in prisons such as Newgate were awful, life in the hulks was hellish. Men, women and children as young as seven were crammed inside them in

prisoners held on hulks were stinking holds which commarched i6 miles from Plympared with the worst of the slave trade ships. They were leaky. like fornaces in sommer, freezing in winter and a hotbed of riot and insubordi-

nation. The prisoners who festered beneath their decks

were controlled by bored and

sadistic officers. The bulks

were also a magnet to every

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and death was rampant.
In spite of increasing calls by Dickens and others to abolish them, the last of the hulks were not abandoned until 1857. Since then, in less brutal form, prison ships have been used when shore jails have become overcrowded. One of them, the Maidstone, moored in Belfast Loch in the early 1970's to hold suspected IRA activists and is now part of republican folk lore. Seven prisoners on the ship embarrassed their guards by escaping and wimming ashore after noting how a seal managed to breach security nets that were

supposed to be impenetrable. Dickens mentioned the cvil of the hulks and the misery endured on transportation ships in Great Expectations. He also raged against them in public speeches and letters. To him, the hulks were almost as wicked as public bangings, against which he campaigned in letters to The Times.

Suicides

several students being ex-

pelled and a number of

dealers were prosecuted.

Lynn Thomas, mother of

Paul, said that she found out

he was involved with drugs only after his death. She said

he might still have been upset

over the death of his father,

Mrs Thomas added: "Paul

seemed quite happy on Friday

when he went out with his

friends. He was his usual self.

on him and it was totally

unexpected. It was only after,

having spoken to the school, that I realised he may have

been involved with drugs. His

friends have said he was

She said that he left the

college three weeks ago because he fell behind with his

work. "He was a very loving

son and I idolised him. I don't know how I will cope without

him. There is going to be a full inquiry into his death, which

will hopefully give us some

A classmate of James Pear

son said the dead boy confided

in him that he owed money to

Janet McNicholl, James

mother, said: "He was a brilliant student and I can

think of go reason for this

taking them."

answers."

drug dealers.

There was no note found

Eric, two years ago:

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STEPS & BRIEF **Ministers** set up E. coli committee &

special Cabinet committee has been set up to respond to the outbreak of food poisoning that has claimed !! lives in Scotland, Downing Street an-nounced. The committee, chaired by Tony Newton, the Lord President, met last night. It aims to act speedily to implement policy changes after two inquiries into the E. coli outbreak in Lanarkshire. Other committee members include Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary. Ste-phen Dorrell, the Health Secretary and Douglas Hogg. the Agriculture Minister.

Police powers

The High Court has reserved judgment in a test case to legally entitled to ban peaceful demonstrations on the highway under the terms of the 1994 Criminal Justice Act, which brought in a new crimi-nal offence of "trespassory

Pensioners' rise

Pensioners' average income has risen by 60 per cent in real terms since the Tories came to power, according to the De-partment of Social Security. The proportion of pensioners g uncome trom occupa tional schemes also rose, from 43 per cent to 63 per cent, in

Duke's appeal.

THE Duke of Edinburgh, who is president of the World Wide Fund for Nature, has written to more than 50 heads of government urging them to protect at least 10 per cent of their country's forests from logging and mining. Half of the world's woodlands have been cleared.

QE2 shipshape

The OE2 left Southampton for a three-day sea trial yesterday after competing a £12 million refit. Cunard said that there was "absolutely no danger" of a repeat of the 1994 fiasco when the ship sailed across the Atlantic with work still under way.

Terrorist trap

Terrorists tried to lure police and troops in Belfast to a mortar bomb containing 900 grammes of Semtex the RUC said. Officers uncovered the mortar in a bin as they responded to a hoax bomb warning at a church on Thursday night. Blair visit, page 7

Healthy rivers

More than a quarter of rivers and canals in England and Wales have become less polluted since 1991, the Environment Agency said. Studies of insects indicate that about a third of waterways are healthy and another third are in reasonable shape.

'Lifer' walks free

Thomas Campbell, serving life for the murder of six people in Glasgow's notorious "ice-cream wars" in 1984, walked free on his son's twelfth birthday yesterday after a 30-minute hearing in Edinburgh, pending a new appeal against his conviction.

Fiennes in Chile

Sir Ranulph Fiennes, 52, was in hospital in Chile yesterday after failing to become the first man to walk solo across Antarctica. He will undergo sur-gery for kidney stones. The ex-plorer was airlifted from the icy wastes, 450 miles from the starting point of his trek.

300,000 at No 10

The internet site for 10 Downing Street attracted 300,000 viewers on its opening day. Web visitors arrive at the familiar black doorway to the Prime Minister's official London residence and are then taken on a tour of the State Rooms.

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happening. He was a very sensible, affectionate child and very supportive."

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Inspector Kevin Lunn, of Northwich police, said drug dealers used colleges as a "hunting ground" because pupils were "away from immedi-

ate parental control".

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Pierced-nose pop group adds spice to Tories

AND CAROL MIDGLEY

THE Spice Girls, the provocative all-girl pop band, have pulled off their most daring stunt yet. Breaking with the traditions of the music world, the queens of the bare midriff and pierced nostril have announced they are backing the

Conservative Party.

The pouting, all-female pop group chose to voice their views in an interview with right-wing intellectual Establishment. Not for them sleepless nights over record sales and hotpants, they claim; the most worrying issue for the Spice Girls is, it seems, "the

slide to a single currency".

And they have a genuine right-wing heroine to prove it. We Spice Girls are true the first Spice Girl, the pioneer of our ideology - Girl Power, said Titian-haired Geri, a 24-year-old with an uncompromising Eurosceptic outlook of which the Lady herself would be proud.

We travel throughout Europe. All those countries look the same. Only England looks different. That is why the Spice Girls are profoundly suspicious of Europe. Victoria added portentously that the proposed European Monetary Union was a "terrible trick on the British people".

Baroness Thatcher's office said that she had not seen the piece but she would be "thrilled". At Conservative Central Office, however, where pop stars are rarely seen, there was less restrained excitement. They obviously have very clear political views. They are a go-shead group and we are a go-shead

The band also spoke opf a desire to be Number One in the soon-to-be-vacant Kensington and Chelsea seat. "I am considering whether to throw my spice into the ring and stand," said Geri. "If the people want me, I could not refuse. I'd be like Glenda Jackson, but better." With the band's single Wanna Be corrently top of the charts in 28 countries and their new single 2 Become I a contender for the



Political harmony: Mel B. Victoria, Mel C, Emma and Geri are strongly against European Monetary Union and the surrender of British sovereignty

top Christmas slot here, popularity should not be problem. The upper class vote should be cornered. Mel. B. who sports a pierced tongue, told the magazine: "We shouldn't be prejudiced against any background, poor or aristo-

cratic. The middle class are the worst. We like the aristocrats," an ideology that may startle Joan O'Neill, mother of group member Mel C. Mrs. O'Neill is an officer with Labour-run Knowsky Borough Council. However, John

Major should be wary of using the band as an election weapon. The good thing about Major is that because smooth facade. He can't rely on his looks, can he?" said

Victoria. The Labour leader was more personally appealing but was roasted over policy. We met Tony Blair and he seemed nice enough. pair of hands for the economy. And the pop stars are not

sure about a man who has never done any proper work. Blair is that he's never had a

politician could coalminer who came to power with ideals. Not Blair. He's just a good marketing man,"

Neither did Sir Edward Heath escape. "If Ted Heath

tricked the English into vot-ing for a Federal Europe when they did not mean to. then that is bad," said

The Thatcherite wing of the Conservative Party has never been the natural home of the nation's pop stars. While Oa-sis and Blur have been eagerly waving the flag for Tony Blair (the former lead singer of rock band Ugly Rumours, no less) musical youth in the Tory party has been thin on

There has been talk that Gary Barlow, the least-fan-cied member of the now disbanded teenybopper band Take That, has Right leanings. But on the whole the Tory Party garners its sup-port from among the ranks of more mature rockers.

Phil Collins, whose music if not outwardly Conservative, is certainly conservative, said before the last election that he would go abroad if Labour got in and raised taxes, sentiments that were echoed by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The one-time Rolling Stone Bill Wyman and Sir Cliff Richard are believed to be quietly Conservative.

The most ready to actively support the Tory party is the soul singer Patti Boulaye who, with the comedian Jim Davidson, was the showbusiness presence at this year's party conference. Cilla Black is still understood to be true blue but another past supporter, Lynsey de Paul, said recently she couldn't vote

Gary Numan, who sang like a robot, said that bands which supported Labour ripped off their audiences because they were so determined to demonstrate that they were proletarian that they put on shoddy stage

declared This 'change the trendy. I'm going to vote Conservative." But he subsequently spent much of the 1980s playing for Red Wedge. Labour's brigade of touring pop bands.

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Year's probation for wife who killed Falklands hero

BY A STAFF REPORTER

scruff of her neck and slammed her head into a

in the Gulf War.

A WOMAN who stabbed to death her husband - a sergeant-major decorated during the Falklands War - was released to serve a year's probation after a court mar-

tial in Germany last night.
"He was calling me names and I saw a knife on the side so I stabbed him," Angela Fenty, from Cleethorpes, North East Lincolnshire, said in a recorded statement played to the court at Hohne near

Fenty, 24, said her mind went blank" when her husband, his face only two inches away from hers in the kitchen of their married quarters in Hohne, shouted abuse at her. Peter Fenty, 35, a warrant officer in the Royal Engineers received an Sin stab wound in the stomach and died in the ambulance on the way to

hospital.

Fenty pleaded guilty to manslaughter with diminished responsibility. She said she was suffering from premenstrual tension and was depressed because her husband was having an affair. She has already served one year in an army detention centre at Colchester Sergeant Major Fenty, also

from Cleethorpes, joined the Army at 16. He had a distinguished service record, notably in the Falklands, where he fought at the battle for Mount coffee machine. On the night of the stabbing it was alleged that Fenty had had sex with a soldier whom she had known Tumbledown. He also served

The court was told that he was having an affair with a for about a month. Danish woman called Barbe-The Fentys married in 1991 ra who lived above his local when she was 19. Her parents squash court in Germany. His wife said in the recorded interview: "He called me fat, did not approve and did not attend the wedding. A condition of Fenty's probation is that she returns to Britain to frumpy and boring with no self-confidence. He told me he live with her parents in Cleethorpes.

Her mother Joyce, 56, said last night: "She can just come had more in common with Barbara because she was 44 with children and going through her second divorce."

back home now and we will help her to pick up the pieces She claimed that her husband. of her life." who had been married before and had two children, once threw her across a room by the

The case came under the Army's jurisdiction because the killing took place in a military dwelling.



Peter Fenty and his wife Angela, who stabbed him

Leah friend 'confessed out of fear'

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A SCHOOL friend of Leah Betts yesterday denied supplying the Ecstasy tablet that killed her and claimed that a confession had been made through fear of the bouncer at the nightclub where the drug

Steven Packman told a jury at Norwich Crown Court that a threat had been relayed to him through friends that Ber-nie O'Mahoney, head door-man at Raquel's in Basildon, Esser, would break his legs and burn down his bouse if the 18-year-old student impli-

To pacify him, Mr Packman said he had arranged a meet-ing outside a petrol station three days after Miss Betts had slipped into a coma at her 18th birthday party in November last year. She had taken one of four tablets obtained through a chain of old schoolfriends.

The conversation, in which an alleged drugs dealer was named as the actual supplier, was secretly recorded, with Mr O'Mahoney's co-operation, by the News of the World, which handed the tape to

Mr Packman, 18, from Laindon, Essex, denies being involved in the supply of the class A drug to Miss Betts and her friend Sarah Cargill. The trial continues today.

Make someone happy this Christmas



Church bids for execution papers

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

THE Church of Ragland is them to a man who walked in expected to be the leading off the street and paid £230 for bidder for a rare collection of church and state documents, including the warrant for the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots, when they come up for auction on Monday. The Church was last night

still waiting to hear whether an application for funding to help it to acquire the £100,000 collection at Sotheby's had been successful. It is particularly keen to secure the loth century Fairhurst Papers, which will almost complete an irreplacable collection. They were last seen 50 years

ago, when Sotheby's sold

ing to Mary's execution, a turning point in British history that led to the attempted uvasion by the Spanish Armada, the papers include a letter dated 1589 from the Privy Council to the Archbishop of Canterbury, proposing that all comedies and trage dies should be censored by a committee before being per-

off the street and paid £230 for the warrant and between £30

and E40 each for six other

As well as documents relat-

formed in public.
They include a distressing They include a distressing collection once owned by memorandum describing John Selden, a 17th century

Fotheringay on February 8, 1587, which was possibly part of the Earl of Kent's documentation. The memo, in "secretary hand", describes how "... then laye she downe verye quietlye stretchinge out her bodye, & layinge her necke over the blocke, cryed, In manus tuas domine. One of her executioners held downe

her hande, the other did with two strokes of an axe cut of her head, whiche fallinge of her attire appeared verye graye & near powled [bald]." The papers are part of a

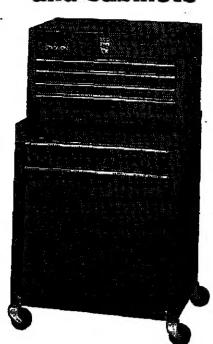
Mary's execution itself, at lawyer and politician. Some of the documents were spirited away by Selden from Lambeth Palace, the London home of the Archbishop of Canterbury, when Archbishop William Laud was led to the Tower in 1641, to be executed in 1645. Lambeth Palace library, the

principal library for the history of the Church, wants the documents "in the interest of the national heritage". They would be available for widespread scrutiny for the first time and would add the final touches to the 66 volumes of Fairhurst Papers already in

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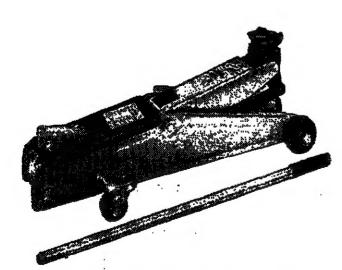
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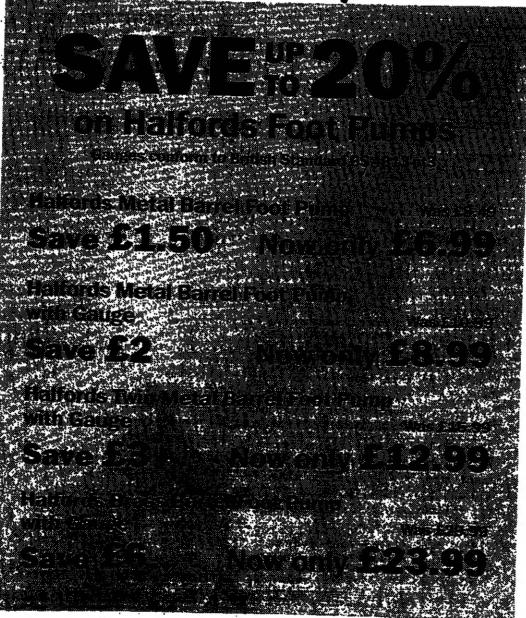
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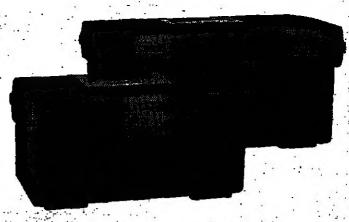




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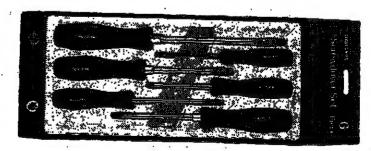


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funding of the project, leaving all those involved in the scheme in confusion. The commissioners, who include Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, issued the statement after a second day of emergency meetings during which they considered the business plan for the £700

million project. The commission is deciding whether to give £200 million of lottery money for the dome to



Millennium Dome

given go-ahead but

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Straw and Bottomley:

impressed by the designs for the exhibition but concerned about the cost, which has been

Commission sources said the statement was made because of the welter of stories questioning the future of the project. But the terse statement said no deal had yet been

now finalising the means by which the exhibition will be delivered within an acceptable budget," it said. The sticking point has been

over whether the government will guarantee borrowings. The Government wants to reassure private investors, who must provide £150 million of the total cost, by extending the life of the Millennium Commission and so have lottery cash available as a contingency fund. Labour has been anxious that no more public money be spent on the scheme, which is already costing £200 million more than mitial estimates.

In a letter to Mrs Bottomley, Jack Straw, the Shadow Heri-tage Secretary, said he had grave concerns about the spiralling cost of the dome. However he provided a vital



Funding for the exhibition is still in doubt but in the meantime work on the Greenwich site continues

when he agreed that he could envisage a "time-limited" ex-tension of the life of the commission, which is due to be wound up in 2000 and at present receives 20 per cent of lottery money. That is understood to be the key area of

the Opposition. Meetings will be held over the next few days to reach an agreement.

Millennium Central, the organisers of the exhibition. said officially last night that it was prepapring for further discusiions with the commission, Sources were bemused that an announcement had

been made without a deal being tied up.

The news was welcomed by Len Duvail, leader of Greenwich Council. "We are delighted." he said. "There is clear need for decisive leadership to make sure the project is delivered in a way that can satisfy the country. The Millennium

tunity for the UK, we have to make the most of it and

Greenwich will," he said. The dome, planned for a former gasworks site, will be big enough to hold two stadiums the size of Wembley and will house the Millennium

Archers addict scores a bullseye

By Alan Hamilton

A SELF-CONFESSED addict of The Archers paid £920 for a collection of memorabilia at auction yesterday. Peter Tewkesbury, 56, an electronics engineer from Horsham, West Sussex, has listened to all but two episodes since the serial began in January 1951. "I was a child in bed with chicken pox, homesick for the Midland its appeal was instant and it has stayed with me ever since," he said yesterday.

Mr Tewkesbury was one of only two serious bidders at Phillips in central London for the press cuttings, original scripts and photographs associated with the 45-yearold radio serial. The material had been owned by Tony Shryane, the retired BBC producer who supervised more than 7,000 editions of

the programme. As one of the programme's most devoted fans, Mr Tewkesbury takes his collection to conventions of other Archers addicts and gives lectures on what has long been a national institution.

The prize that cludes him is a copy of the Country House Cookbook written and published by Caroline Bone, the character who recently lost her husband Guy

Another anonymous buye paid £575 for the original gramophone record of the serial's signature tune.

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World Explorer

Faces that did not fit Prince's design for architecture group

By Emma Wilkins

THE governing council dismissed esterday from the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture was drawn from the arts and the financial world as well the architecture. profession. The 14 members asked to relinquish their posts included personal friends of the Prince.

Lord Morris of Castle Morris was Principal of St David's University College, Lampeter, and edited the New Arden Shakespeare series Henry Boyd-Carpenter, a partner from 1974-1982. He is a former at Farrer and Co, has been private chairman of the Museums and Galleries Commission and a meinber of the Welsh Arts Council. He is an opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland in the Lords.

The writer Candida Lycett Green is the daughter of Sir John Betjeman, the late Poet Laureate. She is a long-standing close friend of the Prince, sharing his interest in historic houses and churches.

solicitor to the Oueen since 1955 and was solicitor to the Duchy of Cornwall from 1976 to 1994. He has a keen interest in gardening. Demetri Porphyrios is widely

designed the extension to Magdalen College, Oxford. Professor Keith Critchlow, an expert on Islamic architecture, ac-

regarded as the best architect work-

ing in the Classical tradition. He

companied the Prince on his visit to Morocco in February. He is a former tutor and research director at the Architectural Association. Dr Brian Hanson was a former director of the institute and remains

on the teaching staff. He is a fan of John Ruskin, believing that there is as much merit in being a good bricklayer as in being an architect Professor John Barron is Master of St Peter's College, Oxford. He is an expert on archaeology and

a former director of the Institute of Classical Studies. John Thompson is a champion of one of the Prince's favourite themes, community architecture. Professor

Christopher Alexander is an archi-

tectural theorist who helped to up

the institute.

Sir Evelyn de Rothschild is the chairman of the family bank, NM Rothschild and Sons, and a wellknown patron of the arts.

Stephen Lamport replaced Com-

mander Richard Aylard as the Prince's private secretary earlier He was previously a diplomat. Dick Reid is a specialist stone mason and sculptor who has worked on Windsor Castle, Hampton Court and York Minster.

Michael Abrahams CBE, deputy chairman of the institute, is director numerous companies including Prudential and Waddingtons. Alan Baxter is chief executive of an engineering company.

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Man and ancestor may have

By Nigel Hawkes SCIENCE EDITOR

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NEW evidence shows that Homo erectus, the strapping incestor of modern man, was living in Java as recently as 7,000 years ago. The two pecies overlapped in time and hay have interbred. Previousit was thought that Homo vectus died out at least

The evidence also means that three species - Homo vectus, Homo sapiens, and Homo neanderthalis — lived Earth at the same time. A team led by Dr Carl hisher of the Berkeley Chro-plogy Centre in California forts in Science that new ing techniques applied to sites in Java where Homo titus skulls have been found scate their age at between \$00 and 53,000 years.

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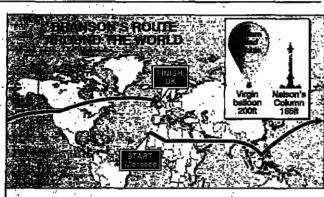
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and Dr Chris Stringer of the Natural History Museum described them as "very interesting indeed". He said that some might question the reliability of the dates, the animal teeth came from two separate sites and gave the



Branson launches second attempt at balloon record

By Andrew Pierce

RICHARD BRANSON flies to Morocco tonight to begin the final countdown to his attempt to circumnavigate the globe in a hot-air balloon in 18 days. The millionaire adventurer

has dedicated the trip to the memory of the late Matthew Harding. The vice-chairman of Cheisea Football Club donated El million to the £3 million cost of the 15,750-mile voyage, which is to begin in Marrakesh and end in Oxfordshire. Mr Harding, a close friend of Mr Branson. visited the balloon factory in Oswestry, Shropshire, only hours before he was killed in a helicopter crash in October.

An attempt in January to launch the expedition was called off because of bad weather, but now the conditions are more favourable. The jetstreams required to propel the 12.5 tonne balloon — 200ft high when inflated — and capsule on the first leg of its journey are there.

The Virgin Challenger crew is on a 72-hour alert for takeoff. They are aiming to secure a place in The Guinness Book

of Records by crossing more than 70 countries at an average altitude of 30,000 ft. The balloon should traverse Libya, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and India, and head southeast from the Himalayas across Thai-land, Vietnam and the Pacific before crossing the United States and arriving in Britain. Steve Fossett, an American

Switzerland at the same time, planning to beat the British crew to the endurance record. Since January, the Virgin Challenger team has had a new balloon envelope constructed, weighing 2.1 tonnes. Light and sound equipment designed to induce sleep is being installed in the 10 ft

wide capsule, home for 18 days

balloonist, is planning to leave

for the three men. A communications centre at the Royal Garden Hotel in Kensington, west London, will be in round-the-clock contact with Mr Branson.

Before takeoff, Mr Branson, and his co-pilots Per Lindstrand and Rory McCarthy, will take tea with the King of Morocco.

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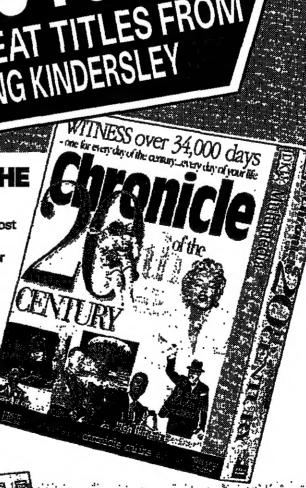
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which can be related to smoking it is the increase in the death rate in women which can be attributed to smoking that has excited most interest. The percentage of younger women who smoke has risen in the past year by 5 per cent. According to statistics re-leased by the Health Education Authority. 77.500 men and 42.500 women died in 1995 from a disease that was

their smoking. The statisti-cians estimate that a woman dies every 12 minutes of a tobacco-related condition. Cancer of the lung is not the only cancer, or even the only se, which is closely associated with smoking. It is a crucial factor in the development of cancer of the mouth. the larynx and upper respiratory tract. These tumours kill 2.000 people each year. Can-ter of the bladder accounts for



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

fatalities annually. Smoking is also a factor in the development of cancer of the cervix. likely to have been induced by and is thought to be responsible for some cases of malignant disease in the kidney. stomach and pancreas and myeloid leukaemia. Smoking is a significant risk factor in circulatory diseases as well as in chronic lung conditions, both of which account for a large proportion of deaths. Last year 293,193 British women died. Ischaemic heart disease, acute heart attacks and heart failure caused the

cancer of the oesophagus (gullet) causes nearly 5,000

118,400 women and another 37,500 died from strokes. Acute and chronic, but noncancerous, lung disease killed 45,000. Cancer of the lung was fatal in 11,684 cases. Breast cancer, cancer of the

cervix and cancer of the lung affect women of all ages. However, diseases of the cardiovascular system are much more common and account for more deaths than all the other common causes put together. The increase in the death rate in women from coronary heart disease after the menopause is noticeable. A proportion of these must be related to smoking.



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By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

welfare benefits. But future governments are unlikely to be able to afford to draw a line

Sharon Taylor, insurance manager of VELO, a leading

fleet accident and insurance

management company, said the proposals seemed logical

at first glance. But there was a

fear that the move would "create a dangerous

"Other legitimate accidents, such as those occurring in the

nome, could even become the

next target for the NHS to recoup costs," she said. "Mo-torists are already heavily

taxed. Are they now being asked to pay twice for NH.

care - once via taxation and

again through higher insur

David Pipkin, a legal execu-tive and member of Davies

Arnold Cooper's motor claims

unit, warned that the propos-

als could have a heavy knock-

He said it was not clear how the NHS would calculate its

services. If it charged on the

same scales as it did for

private medical treatment, the

costs would be "very signifi-

cant" and the rise in premi-

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on effect for motorists.

ums substantial.

at that point," he said.

VICTIMS of violent "copy cat" crimes should have the right to claim damages from the makers of films or television programmes, a barrister said yesterday. Claire Miskin, edi-tor of the Entertainment Law Review, said that such actions were already being brought in the United States although she knew of none in Britain

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Ms Miskin said: "There is a rise in violence in society and a rise in copycat crimes. A number of film and television. producers appear to have come to the view that violence makes money and extreme violence makes a lot of money, and that is all that matters. If the result is that innocent people get hurt or killed, it is nothing to do with them."

She admitted that it would be difficult to prove in court that a violent film had caused a crime but, in principle, such a legal remedy should exist. "It is difficult to see why an action for damages should not lie in appropriate cases."

The Law Commission said on Wednesday that drivers and others who caused injury should have to pay the hospital treatment costs for their victims. It said that, in cases where victims won dam-ages, the National Health Service should be able to recoup an estimated £100 million a year from the insurers of

those responsible. In the United States, Sarah Edmonson, 19, and her-former boyfriend, Benjamin Darras, 18, are awaiting trial for a shooting in Louisiana and the murder of Bill Savage in Mississippi. Both crimes were committed shortly after the couple had seen Oliver Stone's film Natural Born Killers, and were on their way from



John Grisham: believed producers could be liable

have said how much he would like to kill people at random.

John Grisham, the novelist, has argued that in some circumstances there should be a right of legal redress against film-makers. Oliver Stone has opposed any right of redress and has said that nobody can prove that his film caused the two young people to commit

their crimes. Lawyers had mixed views about the idea yesterday. Mark Stephens, of the City firm Stephens Innocent, said if such an action was brought it would be unlikely to get legal aid. But others thought it just a matter of time before such a

case was brought. There was mixed reaction also to the Law Commission proposals. Malcolm Henke. head of the motor claims unit at Davies Arnold Cooper, the City law firm which acts for said the proposals were in line with the trend towards financing the NHS through the insurance industry. "At present this is restricted to hospital treatment; fees and



Tony Blair as a baby with his mother Hazel, who hailed from a family of farmers in Co Donegal

Ulster roots give hope of harmony for Blair visit BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND NICHOLAS WATT TONY BLAIR will send a message of reassurance to Ulster Unionists during his visit to Northern Ireland today. In a speech he will underline his commitment to a more neutral stance on the Province, to replace the republican sympathies of past Labour leaderships. Mr Blair is well placed to build bridges with Unionists because he has strong Protestant roots in Ulster. His moth er, Hazel, was from Co Donegal and he spent child-hood holidays in her home town of Ballyshannon.

Senior figures deny that there are plans to form an alliance with the Unionists to bring down the Government. Mr Blair will, however, meet David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, as part of his effort to build confidence among loyalists. He will also visit Newry and Armagh, the constituency of Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the nationalist Social Democratic

and Labour Party. Mr Blair's speech in Belfast is expected to reflect his belief that political parties should be encouraged to reach agree-ment about a settlement on Ireland's future which respects both Unionist and naonalist traditions. This is a significant shift from the previous policy to press for a united Ireland by consent. Mr Blair's mother, who



ly after he became party leader that his mother hailed from a "not particularly" Tory family of Protestant farmers. Geor-gina Johnston, whose husband Eddie is a second cousin of Mr Blair, recalled at the time: Tony was very talk-ative. You knew that he would

get on."

Mr Blair hit back yesterday at a Protestant leader who had criticised his marriage to a Roman Catholic. Robert Saulters, newly appointed master of the Orange Order in Northern Ireland, described him as a turncoat. Mr Blair spoke out after a meeting Mary Robinson, the

President of the Republic, in Dublin yesterday, "I married my wife because I love her," he said. "These religious differences do not matter. What is important is how people are trying hard to work for peace." Mr Blair also met John Brutan, the Prime Minister, and Bertie Ahern, leader of

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Signet sale rings up £20,000

A RENAISSANCE signet ring went to an anony-mous bidder for £20,700, more than three times the estimate, at Christie's in London yesterday.

The gold ring, found in field near Foulsham, Norfolk by the anonymous owner, features the coat of arms of Thomas Anguishe (1538-1617), a

reference to the early deaths of some of Anguishe's children. Researchers found a portrait of Auguishe in Norwich, in which he was wearing the ring.

The Marquess of Bristol sold the lordship of the manor of Sleaford for

Oklahoma to Memphis. On their journey Darras is said to Aggression the norm' for children

TEENAGERS feel surrounded by violence and believe the

aggression they see on tele-vision and film is a reflection of life at school and on the streets, according to research. Media coverage has made British nine to 16-year-olds think that extraordinary events such as child murders and paedophile cases are becoming the norm, while the presentation of violence has heightened their awareness of it, a survey published by the

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Broadcasting Standards Council shows. Lady Howe, the council's chairwoman, said: "What has to be a worry to everyone is the extent to which violence seems to be so much a feature of everyday as well as media

life for young people." The council's survey showed, however, that teenagers looked first to their parents and older siblings as role models, rather than to violent screen heroes. Although most young people realised they could be

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By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

influenced by the media, and nearly 60 per cent thought that aggression on television could encourage real-life violence, the survey revealed a high degree of media literacy. Young people could distin-gaish between fictional so-lence and that in factual programmes, such as the news. They were often more disturbed by violence in soap operas such as EastEnders than that in Hollywood films because it seemed more real

Although the teenagers thought that ratings systems were needed to protect vulnerable people and children er than themselves, most felt that the censors were out of touch with the values of

young people. The survey found that teenagers largely controlled their own viewing lending weight to a plan by Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, to encourage more parental control over children's viewing habits.



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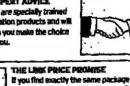
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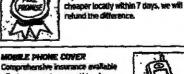
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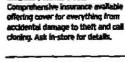


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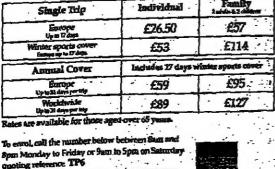
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Turkey testers give frozen birds the cold shoulder

CAN you tell the difference between fresh and frozen turkey? Is buying fresh turkey worth it? Today. The Times is able to provide the answers to these crucial Christmas questions after a blind tasting with the help of the Good Housekeeping Institute.

We obtained from trade sources two supposedly identical Grade A frozen turkeys and a fresh one of similar weight, 7kg (16lb). Typical prices at present are £2.60 per kilogram frozen and £3.72 fresh. All supermarkets are stocking fresh birds.

They were cooked simultaneously at identical temperatures in three ovens by Claire Young of the institute. She lightly seasoned them, covered them with buttered foil and basted them regularly. They were cooked for 4½ hours and uncovered for the last 30 minutes to brown the skin.

Our tasters were Nico Ladenis, the Michelin threestar chef of Chez Nico at Ninety Park Lane; Lyn Hall, a cookery school director; Moyra Fraser, the head of the Good Housekeeping Institute:

WEEKEND SHOPPING

Fresh beats frozen in the opinion of the Times panel, but Robin Young finds that only one thing makes turkey palatable for the experts: the trimmings

home economist and food stylist; Rebecca Hopkins of the British Turkey Federation: and The Times's own most discriminating palate, the wine correspondent Jane MacQuitty.

The three turkeys were presented alongside each other and the tasters asked to identify the fresh one. They all did so almost immediately. Both frozen birds had shrunk from the bone, one rather horribly so, leaving the keel protrud-ing disquietingly from its

Ms Hall remarked that both frozen birds showed a weird, unsightly pink staining in the flesh closest under the skin. Ms Davies agreed that was likely to arise from the freezing process and pointed out that both birds also showed blisters of white coagulated protein — a horrible, soft,

non-meat substance" - under the skin at the bottom of the breast: it was textureless gunge created by permafrost destroying texture in the flesh.

Such complaints, though, were as nothing compared to reactions to the birds' smell and flavour. "Numbers one and three [the frozen birds] have been led on fish meal," said Mr Ladenis with distaste as soon as his knife cut into them. "They stink. Yeuch!" Quite independently, Ms MacQuitty, who tasted the turkeys separately, reeled in disgust. "They reek of fish oil. Appalling."

Our fresh bird had several advantages over those likely to be bought at supermarkets. It was a bronze (a black-feathered bird, traditionally supposed to have more flavour); it was free range, which clearly showed in the markedly dark-

legs; and it was farm-fresh, not having been gas-flushed (inert packed) and kept in chilled storage for up to six weeks, as is the case with some supermarket fresh birds.

The fresh bird carved and looked better but, although it was everyone's favourite, nobody thought much of the flavour. Ms Hall's note of good, clear flavour of turkey from firm fine-grained meat" was the highest praise. "Gamey smell but the best flavour," Ms Davies thought. "Slightly fishy," Ms Fraser said, "and bland." Ms Hunter noted: Still not much flavour, while Ms MacQuitty wrote: "Better textured, but bland all the

So should anyone buy frozen turkey? Last year, at promotional prices as low as 29p a pound, it was substantially cheaper than pet food and may be so again this year. No matter, said our panel. "I would never serve anyone frozen turkey," Ms MacQuitty

"Stringy breast and muddy flavoured leg meat, off-putting and repulsive. Anyone who



Nico Ladenis carves, watched by fellow members of the tasting panel, Lyn Hall, left, and Trish Davies

offended and upset by it. If this is the national diet at Christmas no wonder people look

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forward to the New Year." "Unpleasant, unpalatable." Ms Fraser wrote. "Like eating cardboard," Ms Hunter thought. "The taste is not good, and the flesh is very dry and stringy," Ms Davies said. "Inedible," was Ms Hall's

succinct opinion. "Fishy, dry, and simply ghastly," Mr Ladenis said.

But is fresh turkey worth the premium? The tasters were doubtful. "We usually have a small turkey at home stuffed with truffles and as many good things as I can lay hands on," Mr Ladenis said. "This year I will tell my wife not to

bother. I have had enough turkey for one year." "I'm getting goose," Ms MacQuitty said. Only Ms Hall and Ms Hopkins could muster enthusiasm for the thought of a turkey sandwich on Boxing

agreed that turkey worked only because of the

sauce, chipolatas, gravy and other trimmings. "The flavour depends on how the bird is cooked," said Ms Hopkins in her role as the turkeys' champion. "It is better to stuff, add herbs and other flavourings." As many as possible, our panel agreed, although with frozen birds there could never be enough.

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Little things that mean so much to Christmas cooks

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE range of Christmas food products has never been more varied or tempting. Supermarkets, ever anxious to take on a bigger load of the family catering, have excelled themselves this year. New ranges of party foods include canapes and ethnic specialities such as sushi, dim sum, meze and

Particularly commendable Iceland: liqueur-laced ga-

teaux, including Irish Cream wrapped in chocolate and cream, £3.99 to serve eight, children's ice-cream trees, reindeer and snowmen. El 49 to serve four.

Marks & Spencer: biggest and best range of party food; stuffing and cranberry sauce. E3.49, Connoisseur range of caramelised nuts, pricey but nice — macadamias £6.99 for 200g, almonds and cashews £4.99 for 200g, and pecans E4.99 for 175g. Safeway: apples with Happy

Christmas greeting "grown" into the skin. 39p. storage jar filled with nuts and nuterack-

Morrisons: oysters 39p each, fresh mussels 45p a lb, Stella Artois £8.99 for 440mix24. Tesco: mandarins with Coin-treau E3.99, spiced cranberry chutney £2.99, Christmas berry vinegar in 1.5ltr reusable jar £19.99, range of cheese gifts from £1.99 to £19.99.

Waitrose: Marston's Pedigree ale, £2.23 for two 568ml bottles, 12 savoury bites £1.19, 12 mini Melton Mowbray pork pies £2.59, shortcrust mince pies 75p for six.

Asda: hot and spicy prawns £3.49 for 350g, mini party pizzas 99p for 275g, mini garlic/cheese bread slices, £1.39 for 200g, gateaux with four flavours £1.99 for 12

Harrods: smoked lamb £2.99 for 100g, Negroni extra season smoked harn £4.49 for 100g, Negroni Milano salami £2.20

ding ice cream £1.99 for 500ml, Chocoholics' Survival Kit £2.99, Christmas pudding flavoured coffee £1.99 for 113g. double cream 99p for 568ml. Somerfield: pre-sliced Scot-tish smoked salmon £4.99 for 400g, sausage rolls 89p for

Co-op: family pork pie 99p. frozen raspberry Pavlova El.79, Stilton E4.95 a kg. Budgens: Broad Oak gammon ham 79p a 4lb, deluxe 156g, Golden Wonder crisps five-pack 75p.

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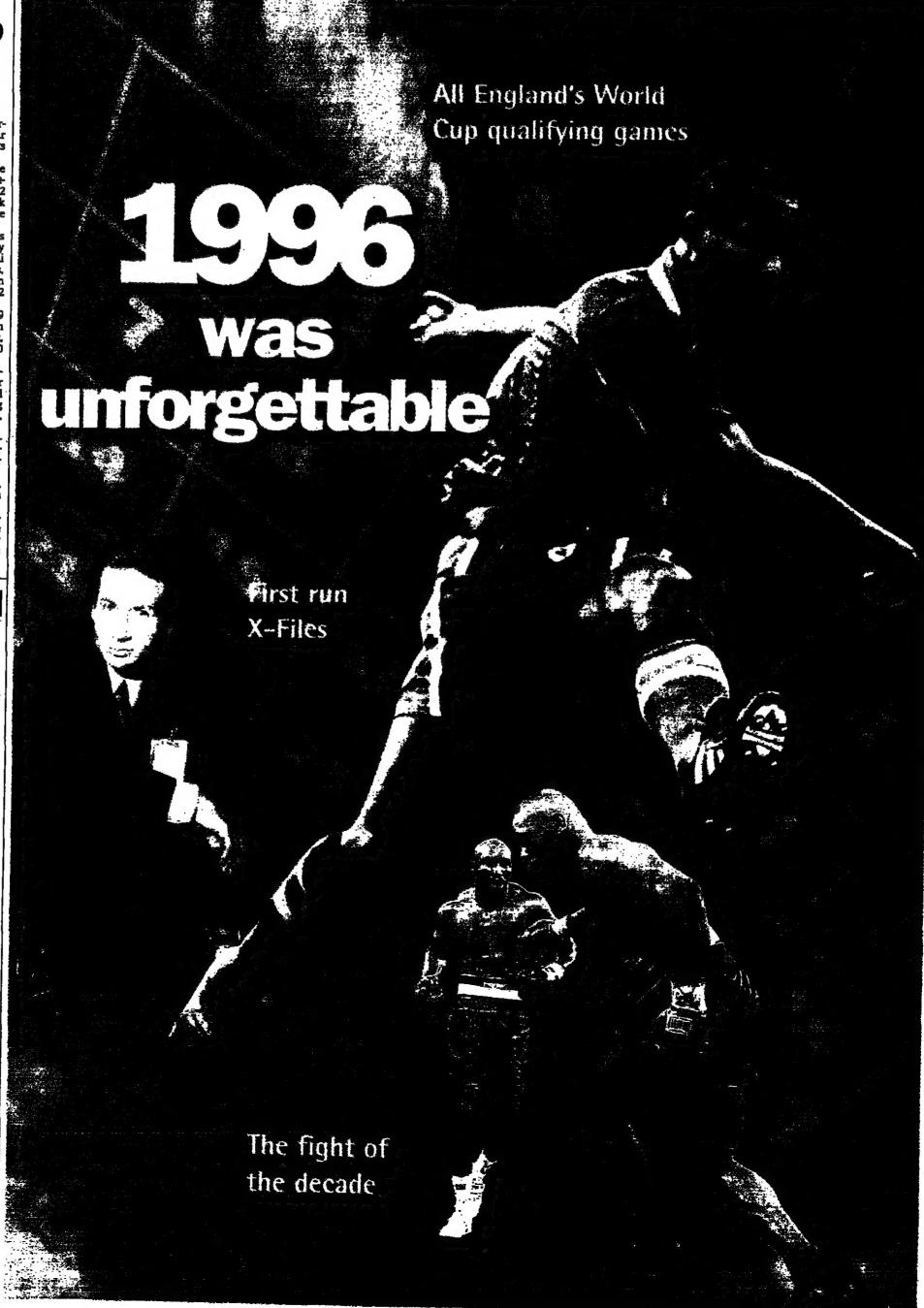
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Lennon theft



A tin box of marriage records from Gretna Green, dating from 1794 to 1896, was sold at auction yesterday for £13,225. The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, based in Canterbury, beat off bids at the Newcastle auction from Canada, America and Australia, where many of the couples emigrated, Liz Bregazzi, who bought the collection for the institute, said: "We wanted to keep it together and ensure it remained in this country rather than see it split up and go into private hands."

Britain

Libel award cut The Court of Appeal has cut to

£55,000 the "clearly excessive" £115,000 libel damages awarded in the High Court last year to Barry Jones, 54, of St Just, Cornwall, after the Sunday Mirror accused the Moscowbased businessman of being a pimp working with the KGB. Global attraction

The reconstructed Globe theatre in London has been voted

the single

gene that

does it all

By NIGEL HAWKES

SCIENCE EDITOR

A SINGLE gene controls the sexual behaviour of the male

fruit fly, American scientists

The gene - fru - not only determines sexual orienta-

tion but almost all the steps in

The result is a surprise, as it has been assumed that behaviours this complex would be controlled by sev-

University, California, said.

much more than simply a

choice of mate; it apparently

control male courtship and

copulation. It is also one of a

small group of genes that govern all sexual behaviour.

including the development of male or female organs.

Could humans have a similar gene? "In any complex organism, brain function must be controlled in part by

enes," Professor Jeffrey

Hall, a team member from

Brandeis University, said.

Males with mutations in the fru gene become bisexual.

the male's courting ritual.

have shown.

the best tourist attraction in

Europe by the Association of

European Tourism Journalists. The theatre, on the south bank of the Thames, will stage its first major Shakespearean production in the summer. Nigel's number Nigel Bowerbank, a 45-year-old Essex businessman, paid

£60,000 plus £20,000 VAT and commission at the DVLA's

Classic Collection auction in London for the numberplate NI GEL, which he will mount on his Rolls-Royce. 1P fetched £51,500 and 1V £48,500. Donor saves hall An anonymous benefactor has

donated £1 million to stop a

Grade I listed stately home falling into private hands. Lytham Hall, Lancashire, built in 1752, will now be developed by an independent trust as a gallery and educa-tion and visitor centre. Widow killed

eral genes. "This work shows that a single gene can do so— at least in fruit flies." Dr Bruce Baker of Stanford An elderly widow found stabbed to death at her home Cell that the gene controls orchestrates the neurons that husband ten years ago.

A thief stole a pair of sunglasses that belonged to John Lennon from a display cabinet at an exhibition of pop memorabilia. The round-framed, mirrored glasses, worth £7,500, were taken from the Stanley Gibbons auction rooms in central London.



Zito's killer wins right to sue over 'inadequate' care

A PARANOID schizophrenic who stabbed a stranger to death yesterday won the right to sue a health authority for lling to properly care for him

In the community.

Christopher Clumis. 34, is seeking an estimated £50,000 for the harm to his psychological health caused by his knife attack on Jonathan Zito, a 27year-old musician, on a London Underground plat-

form four years ago.
His claim is being supported by Mr Zito's widow, Jayne, because it is her only way of winning money from Camden and Islington Health Authority for the errors that cost her complicated arrangement, she

could benefit from the action. The High Court judgment in favour of Clunis, who is receiving legal aid, opens the way for others to claim compensation for the distress their

dllings have caused them. Judge Richard Mawrey. QC, refused to strike out the claim. He dismissed the health authority's view that it was against the public interest for killers to profit from their



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Christopher Chinis, left, stabbed Jonathan Zito to death while suffering from paranoid schizophrenia

criminal acts and rejected the idea that it would "offend the

public conscience". He described Mr Zito'sdeath as a senseless and unprovoked killing. Clunis had admitted manslaughter but has now issued a writ for failure to care" against Cam-

den and Islington. An inquiry accused the health authority, social workers and police of a "catalogue of failure and missed opportunity". Clum's says that by the time he killed Mr Zito he was faced with a medical condition that had deteriorated to the point where the police had authority did nothing to treat or restrain him. Given appropriate medical treatment, he

would not have killed. "As it is, the very killing of Mr Zito has caused his condition to worsen dramatically," said the judge. He followed the precedent set by the case in

hearing, said she was legally unable to sue the health authority. Instead, she is suing Clunis for an estimated £100,000. His action includes an indemnity, making the health authority pay any

which a burglar claimed dam-

claim she wins against him. Mrs Zito said: "If we are not successful, the current crisis in community care will continue. More people will die through homicide and suicide." The authority has yet to decide whether it will appeal. Health leaders reacted with dismay to the ruling, which they fear could cost them a

ages after being shot by a man exasperated by depredations

on allotments where he had a

shed. "The rule that a man

may not profit by his crime was said, in effect, not to apply

sonal injury was not a profit."

The judge said health au-thorities were already liable

for damages if mental patients committed suicide because of

lack of treatment. It was

illogical for them to owe a duty

of care to patients who harmed themselves but none

to those who harmed others. Mrs Zito, who attended the



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By VALERIE ELLIOTT

THE £54 million sale of Her Majesty's Stationery Office is expected to be investigated by the National Audit Office.

According to a report in The Economist today an inquiry is to be announced any day after claims in the City and Westminster that the deal was "a political fix". A National Audit Office spokeswoman confirmed that the matter was

being "closely considered". Concern about October's sale has largely dwelt on the final knockdown price secured by the new owners, a consortium run by Electra Fleming. Suspicions have been aroused because the consortium offered £70 million, and original City estimates for the sale were El40 million.

But The Economist today suggests that the com-pany was in "such a shambles" that any bidder would have fought hard for a lower price. The buyers were astounded by the chaos at the HMSO, which is now called the Stationery

Office. A Manchester warehouse was stuffed with 100 million wrongly printed inland revenue forms, and computers were stockpiled because too many had been ordered. Four properties owned by HMSO were not listed in the assets.

£500m spent on welfare benefit overpayments

A CATALOGUE of error and fraud in the social security budget, including more than £500 million in overpayments, was disclosed in a report by the public spending watchdog

For the eighth successive year Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor General, has been unable to give the accounts a clean bill of health. Fraudulent income support claims continue to cost the taxpayer £1.4 billion a

The National Audit Office report also shows a disturbing level of error in the calculation of benefit entitlements. It identifies overpayments totalling £515 million in the payment of income support and family credit alone. Much of this will never be recovered.

The Benefits Agency has yet to identify the cause of all these, some of which will be fraudulent claims. In cases of staff error, and in fraud cases where there is no prospect of recovering money, the amounts are written off. For the 1995-96 financial year about £96 million has already been written off in overpayments, comprising £62 million attributed to staff error and £34 million in debts deemed

uncollectable. But on income support claims alone, more than a fifth of all assessments were

wrong. The agency allows for was "materially affected" by a 13 per cent margin of error, fraud On income support, the overpayment was £485.4 milso the 21.9 per cent figure is causing serious concern.

lion, while underpayments

were El67.5 million. These

errors represent 3.8 per cent of the total £!7 billion allocated

for income support payments.
On family credit, errors were found in 10.6 per cent of all awards. Some £29.8 million

related to family credit over-

payments, while £11.6 million

related to underpayments. This represented 2.4 per cent

of the total £1.7 billion spent on

Sir John said in his report:

"I share the Benefits Agency's

concern at the scale of fraud

and support their work to estimate the level of fraud in

individual benefits and to

improve their anti-fraud mea-

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itor progress closely and will

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He added: "However . . . in

view of the level of fraud

disclosed by the Benefits

Agency's work, I have no

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Sir John also urged the

agency to take further action

to reduce the huge backlog of

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family credit.

Despite the efforts of Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, to reduce benefit fraud. it remains a big drain on the budget. Sir John approved the measures being taken to prevent fraud, saying that for every £1 spent the Benefits Agency recovered E5. His report also suggests that £37 million spent on invalid care allowance may be fraudulent. He is expecting significant discovery of fraud in claims for disability living allowances. The Benefits Agency has been reviewing the payments but has yet to analyse

the findings.
The Benefits Agency has overspent its budget for the fourth consecutive year. This year it was allocated a total £34.3 billion but spent a further EIS4.7 million.

The National Audit Office recognises the difficulties in controlling demand-led spending, but hopes that the new benefit payment card will help to produce more reliable spending forecasts.
But Sir John indicated that

he had had no choice but to qualify this year's audit because of the overspend and the "material error" in income support and family credit, and because benefit expenditure

Poll shows huge Tory task on economy

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CONFIDENCE in the economy fell after the Budget last month, with most people expecting to be worse off as a result of Kenneth Clarke's proposals. Fifty-four per cent thought that the Budget would be bad for them personally, while 20 per cent expected to benefit.

According to the latest MORI poll for The Times, the lead on the economy that the Conservatives gained over

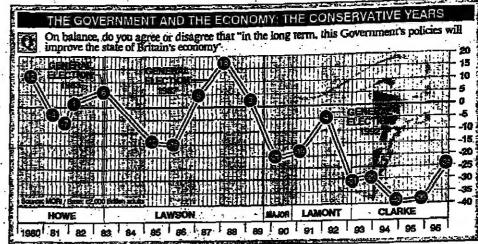
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Which party do you think has the best policies on



Labour in July has again slipped, with only 28 per cent. believing the Tories have the best economic policies, com-pared with 31 per cent backing

Labour. The net balance of those who considered the Budget good for the nation, minus

LABOUR LEAD (%) CONSERVATIVE LEAD (%)

those viewing it as bad, stood at minus 23, the best figure in response to any Budget this With the economy ranking

as one of the most important

issues for voters, the poll emphasises the size of the Conservatives' task compared with the run-up to past elections. On the key figure indicating whether people think the economy will improve during the next year, the poll gives a rating of minus 9, achieved by subtracting those who think it will get worse from those who think it will improve. In recent months the economic optimism index

has been evenly balanced. As in each of the run-ups to the past three general elec-tions, the public view of the Government's economic performance is slowly improving. However, the base from which the Tory party is work-

ing is lower than ever before. The Government stands at a net balance of minus 24 when people are asked wheth-er they think its economic policy will lead to long-term. improvements for the country. After the final Budget before the 1992 election, the figure was minus 4. Before the Budget preceding the 1987

election, the Government's

rating was plus 5. In 1983 the party stood at plus 6.

Mr Clarke's own rating has also slipped. Although the Chancellor substantially inproved his personal rating last month to minus 4, compared with minus 29 in 1995, it fell back markedly this month to minus 17. Even so, with 34 per cent of those questioned saying they are satisfied with his performance, Mr Clarke's performance still outstrips that of John Major, whose satisfaction rating has slipped to 30 per cent, down by six points on last month.

The December poll reveals an unprecedented rise in the importance of Europe as an issue of public concern. In the wake of continuing infighting within the Tory party, the subject is ranked by voters as the second most important issue, trailing only behind the health service. With 38 per cent of people registering Europe alongside education as one of the most important issues facing the country, the topic has reached its most prominent level in public perception since it first fea-tured in MORI polls a decade

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'Poorest will gain nothing from the minimum wage'

By DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A MINIMUM wage of more than £4 an hour would mainly benefit the wrong people, doing little to narrow the gap between rich and poor, according to a report.

The unexpected findings, published today by the respected Institute for Fiscal Studies, may embarrass the Labour Party, which is committed to eradicating low pay. The paradox arises because of the nature of poverty in Britain, where unemployment has a greater effect than poor earnings.

The poorest families tend to have no work, so a minimum wage is irrelevant to them. But the better-off households include many with two earners, one of whom may be low-paid and likely to benefit from a minimum wage. The biggest group of low earners are young single people living at home with their parents, who subsidise their lifestyle.

institue said: "The central argument for a minimum wage is a social justice one. Because many of the poor are not in work, a minimum wage is not a good way to redistribute income from the rich to the poor. Most of those who gain will be couples where both: partners work and young single people living with their parents. These people are richer than the unemployed or many pensioners."

Although a minimum wage will never improve the in-comes of those who do not work, it might harm them by increasing prices on goods and services produced by the low-paid.
Most supporters of a mini-

mum wage want it to be set at half average carnings, but that figure differs widely depending how it is calculated. Labour has refused to specify an amount, but is reported to an hour, which is half the average wage of all adult workers including partition ers. The Trades Union Congress wants £4.26, based on half the earnings of full-time. working men.

Amanda Gosling of the prefer between £3 and £3.50

Because the proportion of poorly paid workers is bigger than during the mid-1980s, even a minimum wage set at £3 would affect 7 per cent of workers. At £4.50, it would: help 40 per cent of working women and 20 per cent of working men.

A minimum wage could help the Department of Social Security by reducing the need for in-work, means-tested benefits. Unemployment is unlikely to be affected by a moderate minimum wage, according to recent research.

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Chirac picks 'tame' questioners for his pep talk on TV

EVEN before he hit the airwaves last night in a televised attempt to restore confidence in his battered Government, President Chirac was already under attack for selecting "tame" interviewers rathe than face the sharp-tongued veterans of the French media.

Critics quickly pointed out that the five questioners handpicked by the President's advisers for last night's live 90minute broadcast, the first time M Chirac has addressed the nation at length since July

14, were all young and relatively inexperienced.
"Is it reasonable to allow the President to choose the jour-nalists who will question him on television? That is not how modern democracies work," argued Jean-Michel Thenard, of the left-prientated Libéra-

tion newspaper.
The Government rejected charges that the interview, filmed amid the splendours of the Elysée Palace, was a stagemanaged piece of theatre designed to demonstrate President Chirac's continued commitment to economic and monetary union (EMU) on the eve of the European Union

summit in Dublin. Even with a panel of docile interviewers lobbing easy questions, M Chirac faced an uphill task in his efforts to lighten the mood of national pessimism and restore his own waning credibility. Despite offering hints of a "sur-prise" in the interview to ensure that viewers tuned in, officials made it clear that M Chirac would not outline any radical new policy initiatives. Rumours of an imminent reshuffle, a referendum, or a dissolution of parliament and an early election were all

Record-breaking levels of unemployment, weak eco-nomic growth, industrial un-rest, fears of Islamist terrorism and a wave of damaging corruption scandals have prompted what Le Monde called "an imprecedented loss of confidence", which the President's expected mantra on the need for fiscal austerity in the drive for a

single currency is most unlikely to alleviate. Faith in the Government has been further undermined by the recent botched privatisation of the Thomson electronics and defence group, internal sniping within the ruling Gaullist party, and mounting debate over the "franc fort" policy linking the French currency with the mark and the vaunted long-

term benefits of EMU. Last night's media exercise carefully orchestrated by M. Chirac's communications advisers — his daughter, Claude, and spin-doctor Jacques Pilhan — was billed as a pre-Christmas pep talk and therapy session, an opportunity to explain and defend government policy, not alter it. However, the latest opinion

polls suggest that the public has already heard, and largely rejected, the Government's explanations. Confidence in M Chirac and Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, slumped again in a survey released on Western March 1981. Wednesday, and another poll showed that 54 per cent of voters now believe M Juppé

should be sacked. Barely a year and a half into his seven-year term. M Chirac and his advisers are painfully aware of the need for a bravura television performance to lift the nation's

sagging spirits. As Le Monde ne declared darkly: "Faced with a deeply confused and angry public, Jacques Chirac must reassure and convince us that he knows where he is going and that he has taken in hand the destiny of France."



A Siberian tiger, chicken in mouth, at Harbin Tiger Park in Heilongjiang province, northeast China. The park rescued 50 of the starving animals from a breeding farm which suffered cash problems when the Government banned using tiger body parts to make traditional medicines

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i rade pact will scrap tariffs on info tech

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

NEARLY 30: countries were last night on the brink of an historic trade pact to scrap tariffs on \$600 billion (£364 billion) of information technology products - so marking a triumphant start for the World Trade Organisation

(WTO).

Sir Leon Brittan, the European Trade Gommissioner, said yesterday. "It will be good for the information technology to the information technology." nology industry, and will act as a catalyst for industrial growth. As such, it will be

good for the whole world economy."

Charlene Barsheisky, the acting US Trade Representative, said the benefits would far exceed the savings from tariff reductions. "The extent of tariff savings, which I guess would be quite hefty, doesn't begin to measure the ultimate economic benefits of agreements of this sort," she

The proposal, the largest trade liberalisation pact for a single industry, would stimulate world trade in a huge range of high-technology. products by lifting tariffs

within five years. The agreement to scrap tariffs on 180 products was reached at the WTO's inaugurai meeting in Singapore despite disputes between the United States and the European Union, which had threatened to derail the talks. The products covered by the Information Technology Agreement include digital photocopiers, fibre-optic cables, computer monitors and software, telecommunications equipment and semiconductors. The final compromise excluded consumer electron-

July and ending in January 2000. Other signatories in-cluded Japan. South Korea. Hong Kong, Taiwan, Canada and Australia. Officials said additional support from India and Mexico would be crucial as it would lift the information technology trade to almost 90

per cent, the level required it tine pact is to take effect.

ics and audio materials. The cuts would take place

in four stages beginning next

Police bar march to home of **Milosevic**

IN BELGRADE

TENS of thousands of mostly young demonstrators poured through central Belgrade yes terday in protest against the reginge of Slobodan Milosevic. The streetwide column of marchers wound round the main central landmarks like a great human snake, bringing the city to a halt.

Heavily armed riot police turned demonstrators away as they tried to merch on Presign dent. Milosevic's home in the city's Dedinje district. The confrontation stayed peaceful. Most protesters stayed well back as their representatives negotiated with police block-ing entry to the district.

Mr Milosevic is relying on a heavy police presence to keep order in central Belgrade, although I saw conscripts in lorries in the key southern industrial city of Nis yester-day. The police have more than adequate resources, with more men in the police these days than in the army. The young people are managing to

keep up their enthusiasm as the icy Serbian winter begins.
"I don't think we will give
up, but then neither will he
Milosevic is waiting for us to go home for Christmas, Du-san Vranic, a philosophy student, said. The dilemma of the protesters is that, without support from the industrial workers or foreign govern-ments, or both, Mr Milosevic

can sit out protests more or less indefinitely.

Their anger has, shifted from Ivor Roberts, the British Ambassador, who was pic-tured last week in an-opposition newspaper as a pig sharing a trough with Mr Milosevic, to the Americans. President Clinton cancelled a visit to Belgrade today by John Kornblum, his Balkan envoy, but otherwise verbal threats about reintroducing sanctions

are the name of the game in Washington. It is a game President
Milosevic knows well how to
play. Young Serb dissidents
like Ivo, a waiter, see it as a weak response to the situation: The Americans would not know what to do without Milosevic to hate. I think they think he will rule Serbia for 500 years and the Serbian people will be slaves to him. Well, we are not."

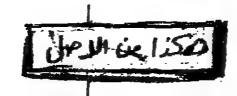
Action on the industrial front is more difficult to find than among the young and middle-class. Some factories held short strikes yesterday, but the trade unions have yet to show they are able to organise a national protest. ☐ Sarajevo: Bosnia's collective presidency agreed yesterday to nominate a Muslim and a Serb as joint Prime Ministers. They are Haris Silaidzic, former Prime Minister of Bosnia, and Boro Bosic, a Serb and former manager of

a power plant. (Reuter)



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Treaty draft leaves Major with fewer chances to play a sceptic hand

JOHN MAJOR has fewer targets to attack than he might have expected when he makes what could be his last appearance at a European Council summit. in Dublin today and tomorrow.

If the general election goes Labour's way. Tony Blair will be in Britain's negotiating seat in six months' time when the final seal should be put on the new treaty to shape Europe's destiny into the

ment has undoubtedly had a bearing on the slow pace of negotiations, with some countries clearly believing, rightly or wrong-ly, that Mr Blair will be more

amenable to change.

But the Irish version of the draft treaty, to go before the leaders this afternoon, at least offers Mr Major a handful of so-called "showstoppers" - issues on which he feels so strongly that he would veto them if necessary. Mr Major will,

to any new treaty until his demand for an opt-out from the European Court of Justice ruling — imposing the 48-hour week — is met.

The controversial plans to abolish all frontier controls in the European Union is a godsend to Conservative strategists looking for issues on which Mr Major could happily flaunt his Eurosceptic credentials. It is a subject however, on which there is little clear water between the parties. Labour has also declared its

More promising — in terms of a

Border controls: the treaty says

Law and justice: common action spat between the two parties — is

all controls, including passport

on all forms of co-operation bee proposal in the draft for a new employment chapter, creating a tier of bureaucracy responsible for co-ordinating employment policy across the EU.

Mr Major also opposes plans to set up a European police force, although he does favour greater co-operation through Europol, the

European police agency.

On extending qualified uniquity voting, it will be surprising if Mr Major does not again make plain that he is against any weakening

all controls, including passport checks, are to be abolished by 2001. One external border with common rules on visas will apply.

Britain, backed by Denmark and to a lesser extent France, insists on keeping its own horder controls and believes one enternal border would be ineffective. ☐ Immigration and asylum: com-

mon entry and residence conditions and procedures for issuing visas. One policy on asylum.

cies; allowing Brussels to handle

tween competent ministries and judicial authorities

Britain favours more co-opera-

tion but not of handing more nower to European courts.

Employment policy members required to co-ordinate employment policies with new committee in Brussels to issue guidelines.

Britain is fiercely opposed; employment creation is a matter for the United Kingdom, not Brussels. ☐ Common foreign policy: treaty proposes machinery for increasing international influence with apMajority voting for decisions, provided they were agreed by all

Britain is happy with appointment of EU foreign policy spokesmen, but against an all-powerful Secretary of State for Europe ☐ National veto: No text yet, but

to make significant progress on qualified majority voting. Britain opposes any crosion of the right to veto.

Irish presidency says it is essential

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Kohl fuels fears of war to drum up support for euro

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

right rejection of the euro was

registered by 47 per cent of

Germans; support by only 26 per cent. When the word "Europe" is put to Germans, 82 per cent think first of crime,

79 per cent of excessive bu-

reaucracy, and only 29 per

cent associate it with good

The Chancellor, then, is

squeezed between an increas-

ingly sceptical German popu-

find a solution that will show

all citizens the determination

of the European Union to

create a euro with long-term

stability," he said. The wary popular mood shows why the

German political class has

Mitterrand: he said that

'nationalism is war'

living standards.

HELMUT KOHL, the German Chancellor, girding himself for a difficult Dublin summit, yesterday resorted again to the double-edged rhetoric of war and peace, giving a warning that tighter European integration was the only alternative to resurgent, potentially violent, nationalism.

The opposition Social Democrats and Greens launched into the German leader after he presented his government declaration on Europe to par-liament yesterday, but the criticism concentrated on the neglect of unemployment rather than on economic and monetary union principles.

Herr Kohl, as he heads for a summit that will signpost the future of the euro, seems to have rallied support from his parliament to push hard for a tough stability pact. In the German view this pact should be able to impose sanctions, more or less automatically, on EMU members with lax fiscal

Josepha Fischer, the Green party leader, believes that Herr Kohl is being too rigid and accused both Bonn and the Bundesbank of indulging in ritulised stability fetishism.

An opinion poli published yesterday demonstrated how mounting on the Chancellor to fight for a strong euro. According to the Allensbach Institute, 53 per cent of Germans expressed fears about monetary union in October 1995, 57 per cent in April 1996 and about 61 per cent of Germans today

been so determined to exclude the possibility of postponing EMU from public debate. say they are alarmed. Out-

Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, tried in a press interview yesterday to persuade the Germans that there was no real alternative to starting EMU on time. "A postponement would have serious consequences, not only economic ones but political ones ... you can't just stop the clock for a couple of hours or a month as they do in agricultural policy. It would take a whole generation before the subject was

lation and his increasingly irritated European partners. "I am confident that we will back on the agenda." Herr Kohl has been softpedalling his references to EMU and European political union as an alternative to a fractious Europe riven by hostile coalitions. Yesterday, however, he returned to the old rhetoric — "not so much sabre as ploughshare rattling" in the words of one crusty diplomat watching the debate — on the ground that only fear of war can now out-trump the German fear of losing the mark.

"The concept of the European Union is the only way we can set ourselves against nationalism, power politics and war," said the Chancellor to applause from his own ranks. Quoting with approval from his late friend Francis Mitterrand - "Nationalism is war" - Herr Kohl said that the past continental wars imposed a ustorical duty on Germany We have to build a common European house with effective institutions and shape the will



Former sideshow elbows its way into the spotlight

EUROPE is seizing people's attention as a political issue after two or three decades as an "also ran". Nearly one person in four, 24 per cent, now believes that Europe is the single most important issue facing Britain.

This is an all-time record figure, according to MORI's December poll for The Times, exceeding levels seen since the referendum of 1975. Europe is now thought by twice as many people as last month to be the top issue facing the country. Unemployment at 16 per cent, law and order at 14 per cent and healthcare, education and the economy, all at 9 per cent,

trail behind as an issue.
When asked what they see as other issues facing Britain and all these are combined, 38 per cent mention the European dimension, second only to the healthcare issue at 42

While this exceptionally high level is no doubt in part a reflection of the media coverage of Tory splits, it also ignals the focusing of people's minds on the imminence of a general election.

The argument on Europe seems now to be fast catching the public's attention. This is especially true of Conservative supporters. Nearly half, 49 per cent, named Europe as an important issue, as did 47 per cent of the Tory switchers, the key group who said they voted inservative in 1992 but do

not intend to do so again: a My belief is that Europe is more of an "image" issue than tance is the cause of Torv division rather than a banner behind which floating voters

Voters react strongly against divided parties, and the European question has become a symbol of the divisions in the Conservative Par-

ty in recent months.

When MORI last tested the image of the parties two months ago, 43 per cent picked out "divided" as a description fitting the Tories, compared with 25 per cent who said Labour was "divided". By contrast in September 1991, a few months before the 1992 election, only 14 per cent thought the Tories divided. compared with twice as many,

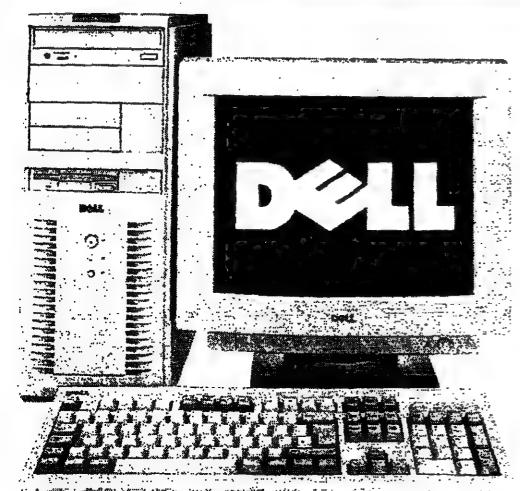
29 per cent, who thought Labour the divided party. Other measures find that opposition to the European Union has been steadily rising. A MORI survey at the end of November found that, if a referendum on staying in the EU were held. Britain would vote 'yes', but only by 52-per cent to 48 per cent.

If there were a referendum on joining a single currency, 64 per cent said that they would vote against it and under a quarter would be in

For most voters. Europe is probably not yet a single issue powerful. Enough to swing their vote, especially as none of the major party's policies is fully in line with the current

But this month the Referendum Party reached 2 per cent in voting intentions for the ·first time, which may be a sign of a more general mobilisation of Euro-sceptical opinion. □ The author is chairman of

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BUSINESS TODAY

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Wickes seeks £53m and gives final warning to 13 staff

WICKES, the DIY retailer that admitted it had overstated its profits for three years, has issued final warnings to 13 staff in its buying department. These come on top of the resignations of eight senior directors that followed the group's investigation into the scandal.

Announcing a £53.2 million rights issue to restructure the group's balance sheet, Bill Grimsey, who took over as chief executive after the

were supposed to be "corrective

Mr Grimsey said: "We drew a line where people were acting under instruction." He said the Serious Fraud Office was taking a similar view in its investigation and these "minnows" would be asked to give evidence in any potential trial rather. than be the subject of any prosecu-tion. Wickes has received the repayment of a £1.2 million bonus paid to Mr Sweetbaum, and Trefor Llewellyn, the former finance director, is also paying back £485,000 he received. An investigation for Wickes by Price Waterhouse, the accountants, and Linklaters & Paines, the solicitors, revealed that senior management was aware of accounting irregularities six months

Mr Grimsey said that Wickes had also received a number of expressions of interest from potential bidders, but no formal offers. He said the job was to restore shareholder value before any bid could be considered. Wickes has renegotiated 93 per cent of its controversial buying contracts, which involved exchange for sales to Wickes.

Bill Hoskins, the new finance

director, admitted that some of these deals involved repayments to the suppliers but that the group now knew how much it was paying for goods and so could manage its business accordingly.

Wickes also launched a one-for one rights issue to raise £53.2 million to refinance its balance

each, compared with a price of 67p when Wickes was suspended in June, but there will be an immediate one-for-ten consoldiation so the new

shares will be priced at 150p.

The fund raising will leave Wickes with £37 million of debt. The group admitted that the investigations and restructuring after had cost Wickes £6.58 million.

These costs, along with other write-offs, losses at the US and European businesses, and general operating losses, meant that in the

lost £52.7 million before tax. This compares with a restated loss of £279 million in 1995. Loss per share was 13.6p and there is no dividend.

The new management is predicting that the company should lose no more than £56 million for the whole of 1996. Mr Hoskins said that once all the corrective action, including selling the loss making overseas business, had taken place the group should break even and would then work to restore its profitability.

Ab Fab

profit at

Harvey

Nichols

HARVEY NICHOLS, the retail store immortalised by Absolutely Fabulous, beat expectations yesterday when it reported a 35 per cent increase

The shares, already riding

several occasions because of

the volume of shoppers.

Joseph Wan, chief executive,

Glasgow, Edinburgh, Man-

chester and Newcastle as po-

tential sites for stores. For the

six months to September 28,

in pre-tax profits.

ther 8p to 352.5p.

CBI forecasts rate rise as inflation sticks

By PHILIP BASSETT AND JANET BUSH

INFLATION was stable in November, having jumped sharply in October, but business leaders yesterday forecast that interest rates will have to rise before the general election to head off price

Headline retail price inflation stayed at October's 2.7 per cent rate, while the underlying rate, which the Government sims to get to 2.5 per cent or less, stuck at 3.3 per cent, the

Although the two main measures of inflation were exactly in line with City forecasts, economists were somewhat aegative. They expressed disappointment that a sharp fall in industry's imports bill had not fed through to lower prices on the high street and suggested that Kenneth Clarke's aim of bringing underlying inflation down to its target range by the end of this parliament looks increas-

ingly testing. In spite of this, the Chancellor and Eddie George, Gover-nor of the Bank of England, left rates on hold when they

met on Wednesday.
The Confederation of British Industry yesterday raised its growth forecast for the economy this year from 2 per cent to 2.4 per cent, because of rising incomes and larger than expected falls in unemployment. In their new mand in December, with a forecast, CBI leaders said that sharp drop in export order headline inflation would end

ber's level but then rise to 3 per cent next year and to 3.3 per cent the year after, pushed up by stronger growth and con-sumer spending. The CBI said that underlying inflation would remain above the midpoint of the target range throughout the period. The CBI said that its fore

casts rested on the assumption of base rates rising by a further quarter point to 6.25 per cent in the first quarter of next year, with a further rise to 6.5 per cent expected in the second half.
Although CBI leaders made

clear that they saw no need for an interest rate rise now, they accepted that "modest" upward moves in rates over the next year will be necessary to

contain inflation.

They said: "With output continuing to grow strongly, and with inflationary pressures starting to edge up, in part due to the projected weakening in sterling next year, base rates are expected to be raised to 7 per cent in 1998." Sterling's recent apprecia-tion has produced industry's worst export order book for almost three years. The CBI's

latest monthly trends inquiry, published yesterday, showed a deterioration in overall de-

The CBI left its growth forecast for next year unchanged at 3.1 per cent and published

its first estimate for growth in 1998, at 2.7 per cent. Both these figures are significantly below the Treasury's forecasts of 3.5 and 3 per cent, respectively.

The latest inflation figures showed higher prices for consumer goods such as clothing and footwear, which

jumped by 1.1 per cent in the month, the highest rise for any November for more than 20 years. Household goods prices rose by 1 per cent in the month. These figures were highlighted by economists arising that that they provide so guing that they provide evi-dence that consumer demand is now robust enough for retailers to widen their margins, even though factory gate prices are subdued.

Petrol prices were another item that put upward pressure on inflation, but this was balanced by cheaper food and electricity prices.

Separate figures from America showed a small 0.3 per cent rise in consumer prices in November, the same increase recorded in October. Together with news of a fall in retail sales in November, fears of higher US interest rates



Joseph Wan, chief executive of Harvey Nichols, is looking at several sites for stores

IBM to put \$350m into new centre

FROM EILEEN MCCABE

IBM, one of the world's leading information technology companies, is to invest \$350 million in a new manufacturing and services centre in Dublin. The centre will generate almost 3,000 jobs within

the next five years, making it one of the biggest electronic projects ever se-cured by the Irish Republic's job creation authority, the Industrial Development Agency.
The first phase of the

development on a 100-acre site at Mulhuddart to the west of the city, will include a manufacturing unit for memory storage disks. Later a customer support centre and a software manufacturing unit will be added.

The centre is the second major IBM investment in the Republic this year. In June the company an-nounced it would set up its 24-hour, international, customer support centre in Dublin, providing work for about 750 graduates. Johnson & Johnson, the healthcare company, also said it plans to build a factory in Cork to make

artificial hip joints, employing about 300 people.

PPI administrators taking | Bookmakers rally to **Turkey to European court**

THE administrators of Polly Peck International (PPI), the company formerly run by Asil Nadir, are taking Turkey to the European Court of Hu-Voyager, a PPI holding com-

pany registered in the Isle of Man, is claiming that its rights as a shareholder have been consistently violated by the Turkish courts in the six years since PPI collapsed. The move underlines how difficult recovering PPI assets has become. Chris Barlow, of Coopers & Lybrand, lead ad-ministrator of PPI, said: "Given that this administration involves over 200 companies and has been one of the most complex ever, I am pleased with the progress, However, our work in Turkey has been

persistently thwarted by the

man Rights.

systematic non-co-operation of

the courts there."

Disposals in Turkey could not up to \$20 million. The administrators claim that PPI companies have been denied their rights as shareholders in



various Turkish investments. They hope that the European court will compel the courts to re-hear the relevant cases, or insist on compensation.

The administrators have raised \$10 million from asset sales in northern Cyprus, only to run into litigation from Greek Cypriots, who have begun a High Court action claiming a right to the money. The administrators are to

apply for leave to appeal.

Coopers & Lybrand and
Deloitte & Touche have received £27.5 million in fees for their work on PPi, according to the latest report to creditors. A further £22.6 million has been paid in professional fees. Assets worth £470 million has been realised so far,

would not be involved. triggering payments of 1.25p in the pound for PPI creditors.

alternative lottery By Fraser Nelson

BOOKMAKERS were yesterday preparing their defence against attempts by the National Lottery to stifle the launch of '49s', a rival lottery due to be broadcast to betting

shops from Monday. Ladbrokes, one of the bookmakers backing the venture, said it had secured firm assurances from its lawyers that Camelot, the organiser of the National Lottery, would be unable to pin down any legal objections to the new show.

A spokesman said: "The Lottery Act of 1993 forbids bookmakers from taking odds on the National Lottery itself. This clearly presupposes we can take bets on other lotteries, and on games where skill

The launch of the National Lottery hit bookmakers very hard, and anything that can add incremetally to our income is good news. If 49s is a success, it stands to keep shops in business and save

Camelot repeated its claim that current gaming laws for-bid bookmakers to take lottery-style bets on a game based on luck. "We think it could be a criminal offence to run this lottery," said a Camelot spokeswoman. "if the bookies want to change the law, they should do it through

Parliament. The event is being organised by Satellite Information Systems (SIS), which provides television racing coverage for bookmakers. Shops will be charged £5 per week and gamblers will be able to start with as little as 10p per punt for a maximum E100,000

Fat cats miss out on the breakfast cream

By OLIVER AUGUST AND JON ASHWORTH

IT WAS every fat cat's dream hovering butlers, champagne on tup, a purring Bentley waiting at the door. Sir Colin Marshall and his guests would have felt perfectly at home vesterday, when they arrived at the vindfall tax. A total of 80 invitations five-star Lanesborough Hotel in London for their "windfall" breakfast.

Were sent out but only five utility heads lawyers. Sir Evelyn de Rothschild was joined by Peter Smith. of Coopers &

Sadly not everyone was there to sample Sir Colin Marshall, the BA chair-

man and CBI president, had invited the heads of privatised companies to extol the success of the Tory privatisations before a Labour government can burden them with a £5 billion

Water chairman, was alone in publicly declaring his support for Sir Colin's

Companies invited but not in attendance included: British Gas, British Telecom, British Aerospace, National Power, Hyder, PowerGen and Scottish Power. The majority of those present

Lybrand, and Geoffrey Howe, of Clifford Chance.

Sir Colin and his team tucked into a full traditional English breakfast - hardly the cost of a share option, at £16.50 per head. Sated, they rattled through the formal business before sauntering off to check their share options.

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STELLEG

high from their 270p flotation price in June, climbed a fur-Higher than expected gross profit margins and strong les at the flagship Knights bridge store contributed to the results. The company said its second store in Leeds was performing better than anticipated, adding that it had been forced to shut the doors on Right policy

sales grew 16 per cent to £49.2 million, while pre-tax profit climbed to £5.5 million. An interim dividend of 1.9p will Greenalls, the pubs and be paid on 14 February.

Mr Wan confirmed that Dickson Concepts, the Hong Kong retailer that owns 50 per cent of Harvey Nichols, is undertaking due diligence of Barney's, the New York retailer.

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STOCK MARKET

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London close \$368.45 (\$366.25)

About 200,000 British policyholders with London receive shares in return for giving up membership rights of AMP, the Australian mutual that intends to float off on the market.

Greenalls jobs

hotel company, is to create about 1,000 jobs this year through a £175 million investment in its retail pub estate. Lord Daresbury, managing director, aims to open about 230 outlets. Page 25, Tempus 26

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Birmingham aims

for new year quote

hopes to raise £5 million.

BIRMINGHAM CITY is aiming to join the Ahernative Investment Market in February in a float valuing the football

club at up to £25 million. Birmingham, controlled by David

Sullivan and the Gold brothers through Sport Newspapers.

Between one-quarter and one-third of the increased share

capital will be made available, with Mr Sullivan and David and Ralph Gold keeping control. Other staff — including Karren

Brady, managing director, and Trevor Francis, team manager,

will be offered share option packages. Supporters will need

£500 minimum to invest. Birmingham is expected to announce

profits, before transfer fees, of around £1 million on a £7 million

SFA fines Danish bank

THE Securities and Futures Authority has fined Den Danske

Bank £15,000 and ordered it to pay £5,000 costs after Ole Rasmussen, a trader in its private banking division, made

unauthorised discretionary deals and undertook unauthorised personal account dealing two years ago. Mr

Rasmussen, 42 left DDB in 1994 and has returned to Denmark. The SFA fined him £5,000, with £4,000 costs. DDB no longer has a private banking division in London.

THE Republic of Ireland's annual inflation rate rose to 1.9

Irish inflation rises

turnover for the year to the end of August.

wins \$4bn IT deal

Andersen Consulting has won a joint bid for a \$4 billion contract from Du Pont, the international chemical company, which is believed to be the world's largest outsourcing deal It has teamed with CSC, an American computer consultancy, to run Du Pont's IT operations worldwide.

The four-year contract involves a mass transfer of staff to the two consultancies - 500 to Andersen and 2,600 to CSC. The deal is also the first of its kind In the chemical industry.

Aquarius value

Aquarius, which makes bathroom accessories and lampshades, will be val-ued at £34.2 million when it secures a full listing on the stock market next week. It is raising £8.8 million through placing 28 per cent of its shares with institutions, and is using the money to pay off debts.

Fuel import

Orimulsion, dubbed the world's dirtlest fuel, is to increase its presence in the UK only months after one generator abandoned its use. National Power yesterday won county council permission for a jetty to import the fuel to use at its Pembroke power station.

Cortecs test

Cortecs International, the pharmaceuticals company that specialises in oral vaccines and drug-delivery systems, yesterday signed an agreement with the Cancer Research Campaign for the development of diagnostic tests for nasopharyngeal cancer.

Pearl customers miss out as AMP plans to float

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY .

AMP, Australia's largest life assurance society, has unveiled plans to demutualise in a move that will see 2.3 million members receive shares worth an average of A\$4,300 (£2,000) in return for giving up membership rights.

About 200,000 members in the UK who have life assurance policies with London Life and AMP (UK) will be eligible for shares under the demutualisation proposals, which will be put to a vote of members next year before a planned stock marker listing in mid-1998.

Pearl Assurance in the UK. which is not mutual and has been owned directly by AMP since 1989, will not be eligible for the share allocation.

Ian Burgess, AMP chair-man, said: "While acknowledging that AMP's current mutual structure worked well in the past, the board concluded that a different structure was both necessary and ap-propriate for the future. The board believes that a change to the corporate structure is in the members' best interests, and that such a change is necessary for AMP to take full advantage of new and emergAMP's proposed demutualiswill be listed on the Australian ation comes hard on the heels and New Zealand stock exof similar action by rival changes, with a London listing Colonial Mutual Life, which is also being considered. poised to distribute A\$1.3 bil-The number of shares alloc-

ated to each member will delion worth of shares to its 750,000 members before a pend on size of policy, length membership and whether stock market float next year. National Mutual, in which the member's policy is participating or not. AMP, which AXA, the French group, has a 51 per cent stake, became the serves more than five million first Australian life insurer to customers in Australia, New become a publicly listed com-Zealand, the UK and Asia, lifted profit from A\$506 million in 1994 to pany two months ago after it lifted demutualised earlier this year. Burgess said yesterday that

AMP, which has members'

capital estimated at A\$8 bil-

A\$1.9 billion in 1995. The demutualisation plan was welcomed by Australia's lion to A\$10 billion and total financial community.

from

Levitt faces jail if DTI wins action over ban

By Jason Nissé

ROGER LEVITT, who received just 180 hours community service after pleading guilty to fraudulent trading three years ago, is facing up to two years' imprisonment for allegedly breaching his seven-year ban for acting as a director.

The case is due to be heard at Marlborough Street Magis-trates' Court in London on Monday, but it was not certain whether Levitt would appear. as he has moved to New York and is living in a luxury apartment in Manhattan.

Levitt is accused of acting as a "shadow director" of International Boxing Corporation, which manages fighters. If so, this may breach the Company Directors Disqualification Act because he was banned from being a director of a company for seven years from Novem-

Michael Jacobs, another IBC director, is accused of aiding and abetting Levitt, and three other senior IBC executives, Mark Segal Cecil Halpin and John Wiffen, have been asked to provide explanations or statements about Leviti's involvement.

Levitt's ban was imposed after he pleaded guilty to fraudulent trading after the Serious Fraud Office investigation into the collapse of his life assurance empire in 1990. This left hundreds of people nursing large losses.

Should the case be tried by

magistrates, the maximum sentence would be six months in prison. However, if it is sent to the High Court, the maximum jail term is two years. Levitt's solicitor, John Perry,

of Goldkom Davies Matthais said Levitt was in the US and not contactable.

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Roger Young unveiling Scottish Hydro results yesterday

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per cent in the quarter to mid-November from 1.5 per cent in the third quarter, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Statistics Office. The unexpected rise follows a midweek warning from Ireland's Central Bank that the Government should be more vigilant about inflationary pressures in the run-up to European monetary union. The consumer price index for the quarter jumped 0.5 per cent.

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Long-term care inquiry

INSURANCE companies, charities and health providers are being urged to give their opinions on how long-term care should be sold in the future. The Treasury yesterday published a consultative paper on the issue, and said that long-term care products, which are currently unregulated. might be brought under the Financial Services Act of 1986. which covers other investments. The Treasury said that consultation might take several months.

Countryside in black

COUNTRYSIDE PROPERTIES, the housebuilder operating in Greater London and the South East, returned to profit in the year to September 30, earning £3.1 million before tax, compared with losses of £10.6 million in the previous year. Earnings were 3.4p a share, against losses of £2.7p previously. The total dividend falls to £2.25p a share from 2.8p, with a final 1.5p (1.39p). The shares rose 5½ p to 72p. Turnover improved to £160.3 million from £148.2 million.

Kingspan in £26m buy

KINGSPAN GROUP, the building materials company based in the Republic of Ireland, is acquiring Ward Building Systems, a subsidiary of Rugby, for £25.92 million. The purchase is to be part-funded via a one-for-six rights issue at 1r440p a share, raising Ir E20.4 million. Rugby is also selling ZND Bouwstaal, a German subsidiary, to management for E2.3 million and said it was seeking a buver for Rom. its UK steel reinforcement business.

boost drive south By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent SCOTTISH Hydro-Electric, Gas and has several other the electricity generator and

supply company, is to consoll-date its moves into England by buying out its joint partner in a power station near the Humber. Hydro is preferred bidder for the half-share in Keadby power station being sold by United Utilities. The deal is likely to be worth more than £200 million.

Cross-border generation and trading is controversial because the English generators say that the rules governing purchasing are unfair. PowerGen is seeking plan-ning permission to build a power station at Garteosh, near Glasgow, but has encountered local opposition.

Hydro-Electric, whose chief executive is Roger Young, is developing another large power station with British

TOURIST RATES

joint ventures and wholly owned small stations in England.
The company is also in talks with a series of potential

partners for electricity supply when the domestic market opens to competition in 1998. John Gray, finance director. said: "Alliances are the thing of the future, and, with a number of ownership changes in regional companies, the possibilities are likely to grow rather than decline." Hydro-Electric said that its pre-tax profits for the half

year to September 30, slipped by 0.6 per cent, to £61.3 miltion, from E61.7 million. The interim dividend, payable on March 19, is being increased by 11.2 per cent. to 5.28p a share, payable from earnings per share of 12.37p (11.85p).



Walt Disney president 'set to leave'

year in the job, sources close to Disney said yesterday (Richard Thomson writes). Disney has so far refused to officially comment on Mr Ovitz's plans. However. persistent rumours that his friend and boss, Michael Eisner, the Disney chair-

MICHAEL Ovitz is poised to resign as many inside Disney with his aggressive president of Walt Disney after just one management style and has antagonised a number of powerful Disney executives who have made his position politically more difficult within the corporation.

The Disney president would be entitled to a pay-off of about \$10 million if the

company asked him to leave. If he left of o.97 bout only as sipplied by Burdays Bank performance have been only weakly almost certainly sacrifice tens of millions man, said: "There are no plans to hire denied by Mr Eisner. Mr Ovitz has upset of dollars in stock options, since Disney's Ovitz for a position at the company."

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shares have soared by \$20 to about \$72 since he joined.

Mr Ovitz, once one of Hollywood's most powerful agents, has been tipped for the job as head of Sony Corporation's US operations. Mr Ovitz knows Noboyuki idei, Sony's chairman, well and held meetings with him last week. However. man, said: "There are no plans to hire Mr



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☐ BYE BYE old Wickes. Hello new Wickes. A solid sensible retailer with a great name in "heavy end" do it yourself which has cast off the problems of the past, has a highly motivated staff, a good relationship with suppliers and a sensible balance sheet. Well, that is what the new Wickes management would have you believe. And up to a point they are right. Bill Grimsey, the new chief

executive, is so solid and roll-upyour-sleeves, that it would be no surprise to learn he had actually changed his name from Sebastian Delancey to be more at one with the shop managers. He is keen to crophasise that if Wickes is going to restore shareholder value after the disaster, as he quite rightly describes it, then this is going to have to be a bottom up recovery not a top down. The "boys and girls" in 122 Wickes stores plus the buyers, many of whom must be glad not to be clinging on to P45s, have to work their socks off to turn the ship round. Mr Grimsey and his team, which includes another "call a spade a spade" character in Bill Hoskins, finance director, need to deliver a solid platform which includes getting the City off Wickes's back and the compa-

ny's name out of the papers.

Getting on your Wickes

□ Vultures are ready to buy DIY group on the cheap □ Euro in battle for currency power □ DTI picks up SFO slack

The first stage of this should be achieved by raising £53.2 million from a one-for-one rights issue inever mind that the shares are both split and consolidated at the same time, that is only designed to confuse you into thinking that shareholder value has been created immediately by turning 15p shares into ones priced at 150p). Wickes will end this process with net debt of about £37 million and a trading performance which, after all the exceptional losses. overseas businesses and other complications are taken away, will show the group breaking even. The target is to make a 5 per cent margin on Wickes's £400 million of sales. If that is achieved then a market value of about £100 million, which Wickes will have when its shares come back from suspension, will

look far too cheap.

To achieve this Mr Grimsey has decided to draw a line under the past. Deals have been struck with the likes of Harry Sweetbaum, the former chairman, to win a modest repayment of bonuses, but there will be no linga-tion against former executives. Eight senior people have been sacked, but a further dozen, who said they were only following or-ders, have been let off with a rep-rimand and are still beavering away at Wickes's head office.

In the end, though, it does not look as if new Wickes will have much of a life. The vultures are already circling to buy the busi-ness on the cheap and ride the recovery in the DÎY market with a cleaned-up company which has put its terrible past behind it.

Today Europe, tomorrow the world

☐ DIPLOMATIC skill seems to be turning the European cur-rency more French by the day, That means softer, more inclusive and more geo-political.

Germany has had to com-

promise heavily on the punitive, automatic stability pact rules it wanted, after it was manoeuvred into becoming a UK-style minorPENNINGTON



ity of one. Only smaller members with few friends have much to fear from the tough-sounding deficit limits. And even Finland's constitutional court found the pact would not be binding.

Money-market traders, at

least, are becoming convinced that the entry rules laid down at Maastricht will be interpreted with a solemn Gallic blind eye, in turn earning more debts of gratitude to France. An indicator levised by JP Morgan, based on changes in bond yield spreads in the swaps market, suggests a near 70 per cent chance that Italy will join the euro and near 80 per

ances group, and its rebel abareholders took a further

turn yesterday when Pifco, its smaller rival, ruled out

making an offer (Keith

Rodgers writes).
Pifco, which has twice been rebuffed by Kenwood.

after first approaching it about a merger in July, said it would be unable to make

an offer unless Kenwood

disclosed detailed financial

information. Kenwood has

refused, saying it would be "irresponsible" to negotiate

with a competitor unless a firm and credible offer had

been put forward. Pifco's bid was expected to

be supported by UK Active Value Fund, which holds 9

per cent of Kenwood. Mich-

sel Webber, Pifco chairman,

said: "It's a question for

just Active Value, to put

pressure on Kenwood."

be wrong but the inclusive view is gaining ground. EMU's top official in Frank-

furt is voicing interventionist

sentiments about the foreign

exchanges once confined to French contributions to economic summits. In an interview in Le Monde, Alexandre Lamfa hissy. Belgian president of the European Monetary Institute, suggests that, once the euro is established. Europe should debate with America on the dollar's regrettable weakness and use its influence to press for changes in US monetary and fiscal policies. Once the euro becomes a soundly based alternative re-

serve currency, he argues, America will no longer be able to ignore the dollar's external value. If investors and traders have a choice, prolonged dollar weakness would make long-term

dollar interest rates high.
Either US short-term rates should be higher or America's budget deficit should be shrinking yet faster. In this new balance of currency nower

Europe would have as much influence over American economic policy as decisions taken in Washington have traditionally had over here. And to think, there are still people who think that plucky little Britain can

Executive action

resist the continental tide.

☐ NEVER mind that the Serious Fraud Office would find it difficult prosecuting Dick Turpin for theft, the Department of Trade and Industry is picking up the slack. Having increased the number of directors it has had disqualified by 70 per cent this year, to more than 700, it is now pursuing those who might date to attempt to so back into to attempt to go back into business with the vigour of a

sniffer dog at Bogota airport. Stephen Hinchliffe, John Gum and Terry Venables are among those fighting dis-qualification proceedings at the moment. Peter Goldie, Mr Gunn's former sidekick, recently gave up his fight, and Tony Berry, who used to share a boardroom with Mr Venables, successfully saw off the DTL Both Roger Levitt and Eddie Ashby, also a business associate of Mr Venables, are facing jail for allegedly breaching their disqualification orders.

The punishment, though, has not been among the most eff-ective in the past. The DTI's action has often been cumber-some and unfocused. But a few high profile jailings might give the process some teeth. If the DTI moved a little more swiftly it might also lose its nickname, the Department of Timidity and Inaction, and fraudulent trading might actually be a crime with a punishment.

Windfall for Labour

SIR Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, is playing a dangerous game. By calling all the former privatised companies together so they can moan about a windfall tax, he has reminded people that BA is a former state enterprise. And while no one previously thought there should be a windfall tax on BA, Labour's front bench might

Greenalls pours £175m into pub expansion

GREENALLS GROUP, the pubs and hotel company, is to create about 1,000 jobs this year through a £175 million investment programme in its retail pub estate.

Lord Daresbury, managing director, said that Greenalis is aiming to open about 230 new outlets in the year, concentrating on its branded outlets, such as Henry's Table, Millers Kitchen and Keeper's Choice. He said that Christmas bookings have been strong and that the company is confident that it will continue to make progress this year. Greenalls, which owns a total of 2,360 pubs, generates as much as 20 per cent of turnover during the holiday

Lord Daresbury's comments came, as the company unveiled a 48 per cent rise in

ionals, to £149 million in the year to September 27. Under-lying profits, excluding effects of the Boddington acquisition and exceptionals, rose by 11 per cent, to £111 million, Overall turnover rose by 51 per cent, to £11 billion.

Exceptional costs totalled £31 million relating mainly to redundancy and reorganisation costs at Boddington, which was acquired a year ago for £666 million. Greenalls said that the integration had been completed ahead of schedule and that the com-pany had achieved cost sav-ings of £18 million.

Shares in Greenalls fell

10-2p to 591-2p, with the City disappointed by the company's failure to confirm the sale of the De Vere hotel group. Greenalls 'said that it would sell some of the 20-strong



Daresbury: profits up

Grand in Brighton and the Belfry in Warwickshire, but did not place a timetable on the disposals.

Greenalis Inns, the managed pub division, increased operating profits by 50 per cent, to £79 million. Drinks

in the 920-strong estate, with food sales rising 12 per cent. The hotel and leisure division increased profits by 40 per cent, to £55 million. Premier Lodge, which owns 46 lodges, increased revenue per available room by 9.1 per cent. Occupancy rose from 72 per

cent to 73 per cent.

The De Vere hotel chain improved revenue per available room by 11 per cent and occupancy levels rose to 74.4 per cent from 72.6 per cent. Greenalls said it would concentrate on improving the Beliry hotel and golf course with a view to hosting future Ryder Cup competitions.

Gearing rose to 66 per cent. Greenalls said that it would be cut to less than 50 per cent after conversion of loan stock. The total dividend rises 8.5 per cent, to 15.4p. A 9.18p final dividend is due on January 28.

Gagging order Pifco pulls back from fought by London Kenwood **Electricity chiefs** THE battle between Ken-wood, the household appli-

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

LONDON ELECTRICITY is fighting a Takeover Panel gagging order amid speculation about possible links with Northern Electric, the com-

pany facing a hostile US bid. The capital's electricity supplier, which yesterday issued half-year figures, said that it was barred from commenting on business other than a brief results statement because the Panel had declared it to be in an offer period more than three weeks ago.

London's pre-tax profits fell to £69.3 million in the half to September 30, from £84.5 million, with the impact of the distribution price review. The interim dividend, due on January 31, rises 9.2 per cent, to 14.3p, aithough earnings per share fell to 31.4p, from 32.8p. The shares rose Il's p. to 6512 p.

London said that it was

offer alert, imposed after both London and Entergy, a US company, said that they had broken off talks about a pos-

sible Entergy takeover.

A Panel spokesman said that a bid was still possible; he said that offer periods were declared over once a potential offeror had said "definitively" that it did not intend to bid. He declined to say whether Entergy had been asked for a more specific statement. London's silence added to

City confusion over the strength of Northern's plans for a supply business merger. Sir Bob Reid, chairman, in the results statement, said: "We remain committed to seeking profitable and mutually benefi cial alliances in supply, as a means of improving long-term returns."

Xenova listing 'falls short'

XENOVA, the biopharmaceuticals company, com-pleted its flotation yesterday, almost a month behind schedule, raising £22.6 million in new funds

(Eric Reguly writes).
The placing, which values Xenova at about £50 million, fell short of the £25 million it expected to raise. The company, which is already listed on the Nasdaq market in the US, said the volatile stock markets, combined with tepld interest in the biotecin

gy sector, prevented it from reaching its goal. Xenova placed 9.6 mil-lion new ordinary shares at 215p apiece, based on the \$3.50 a share Nasdaq trading price. The placing raises Xenova's total cash reserves to about £28 million, enough to fund its research and development for two years or more.

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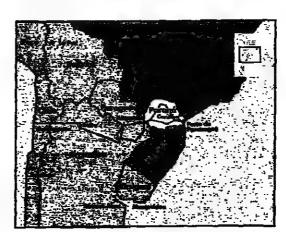
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INTEGRATION RING The Government of the State of Paraná is calling national and foreign companies interested in the restauration, duplication and maintenance of the roadways which make up the Integration Ring. Over 2000 km of roadways to be commercially explored by private iniciative. International bidding under way.

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Shares in retreat again as troubles beset Wall Street

SHARE prices sawearly gains sharply reduced while gilts suffered a late setback as Wall Street faced up to the prospect of further turbulence.

The FT-SE 100 index climbed sharply in early trading, taking heart from a partial recovery by the Dow Jones industrial average overnight. At one stage it was sporting a rise of 27 points, but saw its lead whittled away steadily as New York's early 33-point lead was wiped out. The FT-SE 100 closed 8.2 points higher at 3,990,70 in thin trading that saw less than 700 million shares change

Investors fear further volatility in the weeks ahead and continue to view nervously the gilt market where prices again lost ground in late trading. This was in spite of the latest economic numbers showing no change in the inflation rate.

Pilkington fell 31ap at 144p after losing its place earlier this week as a constituent of the FT-SE 100. The same fate also befell Courtaulds, which lost 81 ap at 373p.

London Electricity climbed 1112p to 65112p as the group attempted to play down speculation that it was about to merge its supply business with that of rival Northern Electric, lp better at 60212p. Northern is currently fending off fighting an unwanted offer from CE Electric, the American power company.

The speculation gathered pace after London cancelled an analysts meeting due to take place after the figures. It also refused to comment on the link-up with Northern. London said talks with Thames Water, 112p down at 572 2p. on areas of possible collaboration

Last year London saw profits drop from £84.5 million to £69.3 million, which it blamed on the impact of two price reviews. News of a profits decline last year left Scottish Hydro 212p lower at 31412p.

Speculative buying holsted ity, the Spillers and t foods group, 1012p to 339p.

Once again there is talk that Nestlé, the Swiss food group, food operations. Dalgety has a yield but has been overshadowed by the BSE crisis. The shares have fallen from around 444p since March. In a thin market, a total of 661 871



Higher BT charges for mobile phone operators raised prices

Also in the food sector, cash rich Associated British Foods jumped 181 ap to 459p.

off a sizeable profits downgrading by HSBC James Capel, the broker, to end the session op firmer at 944p, after briefly touching 920p. Forecasts for the current year have been cut by almost £200 million to £2.93 billion and for

broker. It follows the disposal of its non-core activities for around £200 million, which wiped out debt and left the group with cash in the bank. The shares have fallen from a peak of 264p and Laing says

The prospect of a substantial boost to revenues lifted mobile telephone operators

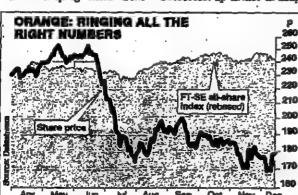
Fund manager Henderson's vulnerability to takeover has increased. Four investment trusts, together owning 16.2 per cent, have ended an agreement to sell only to each other. They are Witan, Electric and General, Lowland Investment and Greenfriar Investment. Henderson shares eased 32p to ElLZ74.

1997 by £100 million to £3.06 billion. It has also switched its shares from hold to sell.

Merrill Lynch, the broker, also takes a similar view of Glaxo Wellcome, urging its clients to switch into either Zeneca, 4p lower at £16.1712, or SmithKline Beecham, 312p firmer at 81212p.

Caradon put on 312p at 235p with a helping hand from Orange 912p to 17812p and Cable and Wireless 4p to 452p. It follows the move to raise charges on calls made on BT lines to both Orange and One-2-One users from 1634p to 29p sometime in the new year.

The higher charges are al-ready in place for Vodafone. 2p firmer at 24812p, and Cellnet, owned jointly by BT, lp dearer at 387p, and Securicor, 2p firmer at 262p.



these discrepancies were brought into line, a price war would develop in the fiercely competitive mobile phone market. This has helped to depress the price of Orange, which has fallen from a peak of 253p to a low of 169p since floating in March.

Profit-taking left Greenalls, the pubs and hotels group, 10¹2p lower at 591¹2p after the group reported figures much in line with City forecasts. Profits were boosted by a strong contribution from its Boddingtons acquisition.

Kenwood Appliances, the household products group, slipped lp to 21412p after it emerged that bid talks with Pifco, its smaller rival, 312p down at 269p, had broken down. Pifco said it was not in a position to make a move until t had more detailed financial information about Kenwood's affairs which had not been forthcoming.

A strong rise in both profits and sales and news of further store openings left Harvey Nichols sporting a rise of 8p at

Kier Group made an encouraging start to trading after a placing at 166p. The shares opened at 172'ap and rapidly climbed to close at 184'2D. its best of the day. A total of 615,032 shares changed

¹2p to 202¹2p after moving from the USM to a full listing. It was one of the first pharmacrutical-biotech companies to seek a public listing, in 1987.

GILT-EDGED: Prices came off sharply in late trading, reflecting modest sell-offs of both German bunds and US Treasury bonds. Brokers said recent volatility had made investors in London a touch nervous and in such thin conditions price movements were exaggerated. The inflation figures were largely

In futures the March series of the long gilt fell E1116 to E1081932 as a total of 47,000 Treasury 8 per cent tumbled £2733 to £1012832, while Trea-

sury 8 per cent 2000 was seven ticks off at £1021116. □ NEW YORK: On Wall Street profit-taking ate into an early raily in the technology sector and strong gains in the midday the Dow Jones indus-

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Fashionable London

Rarely a day goes by without news of another breathless energy group courting its favours. Only weeks ago Entergy of the US admitted that it had made overtures to London. Now the industry gossip suggests that London and Northern Electric will merge their supply businesses. Added to that, London and Thames Water have been collaborating on

roadwork and other areas of mutual benefit. London's popularity can be attributed to its status as one of only three independent regional electricity companies not yet in receipt of a bid. With a shortage of targets, potential bidders must look at London, but it holds equal attraction as a potential partner. As competition develops in the household power market, suppliers need to focus their efforts. Margins in domestic electricity and gas

LONDON ELECTRICITY is in demand supply will be stender, a spur to co-operation between suppliers seeking lower costs. There is little reason for utilities to bear separately the entire cost of meter reading, billing and servicing households when such operations can be undertaken in a joint venture. Further links will follow between generators and regional electricity companies based on longterm energy contracts.

In the absence of full-scale mergers, the regulator should tolerate an era of semiconsolidation. If London acts cute -- encouraging parmerships without succumbing to the charms of one suitor - it can strengthen its position in a rapidly changing energy industry. Other cards up its sleeve include private electricity networks, such as airports and the Channel Tunnel. Hardly a recipe for riches, but not had for a low-growth industry.

Greenalls

CONFUSION over the future of De Vere hotels has ended the slow recovery in Greenalls shares. The comnany had hinted that it would dump the 20-strong chain — as part of a £200 milion disposal programme - but yesterday sent out mixed signals over the timing and size of a sale.

A clear statement from the focus to shift back to the core businesses. Greenalls strength is its vast pub estate which provides economies of scale. A geographic bias to the North is working to Greenalls advantage because, unlike the Southeast, the north has yet to be saturated with WSD brands and Greenalls can actually welcome the arrival of rival

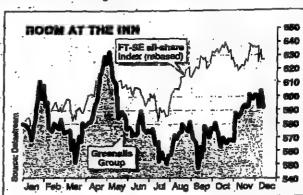
chains on its patch. New

openings, especially in previ-ously moribund City Centres sites, help to increase custom in pubs generally.

Fears that Greenalls will suffer from increased beer prices after the takenver by Bass of Carlsberg-Tetley are probably exaggerated. The largest independent beer purchaser in the country. Greenalls has enough clout

to play the major brewers off against one another, when its supply agreements come for renewal in 1998. Analysts reckons there could be a further £10 million in cost savings to come from the Boddington acquisition.

Greenalls deserves a better rating than a prospective price earnings ratio of just over 11 times.



Xenova

THE FLOTATION of Xenova was touch and go. The company, whose speciality is extracting medicines from natural sources such as fungi and bacteria, had a hard time finding investors. Already nervous about the shaky markets, they were less than willing to commit money to a shaky industry. The biotech sector peaked in the spring and has since been in the doldrums but Xenova still managed to raise £22.6 million in new money.

Xenova extracted a rabbit from its hat by accepting a low price for the shares and coming to the wise conclusion that extending the offer timetable would not necessarily lure more investors. It expected initially to raise £25 million but at the placing price of 215p the shares look a reasonable bet. The flotation funds combined with the £6.5 million of cash on hand raises its cash resources to about £28 million, or more

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than half of Xenova's market capitalisation. in other words an investor can get access to Xenova's technology at an attractive discount.

The risk is worthwhile. Xenova has several products that are close to phase 2 dinical trials, attracting several big-name partners, including Warner-Lambert, Genentech and Suntory. Positive clinical results could send the shares racing.

Harvey Nichols

FOR A COMPANY whose notoriety depends on a TV send-up of the fashion world, Harvey Nichols has gone some way to dispelling starectypes about folk up north.

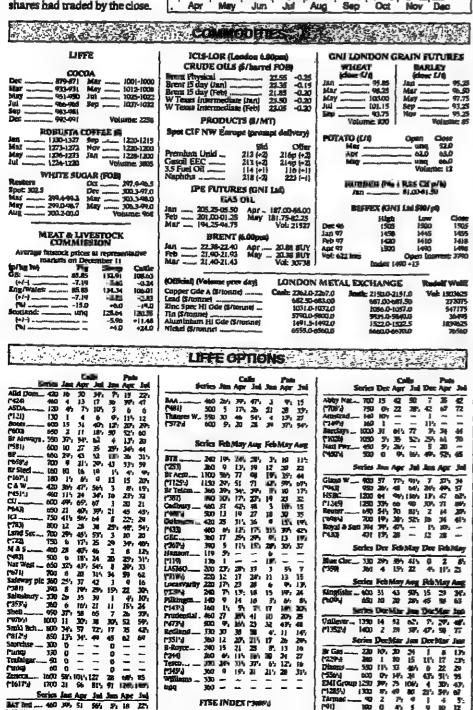
Early results indicate that the company is confounding Knightsbridge store would lose its cachet in a lay-by somewhere near the Watford' Gap. In fact, sales in the newly opened Leeds store are looking good; customers have been literally knocking on a door closed because of the sheer volume of shoppers not just Yorkshire lasses who have pound notes to burn. The Leeds store has opened accounts for shoppers as far afield as Manchester, Chester and Liverpool.

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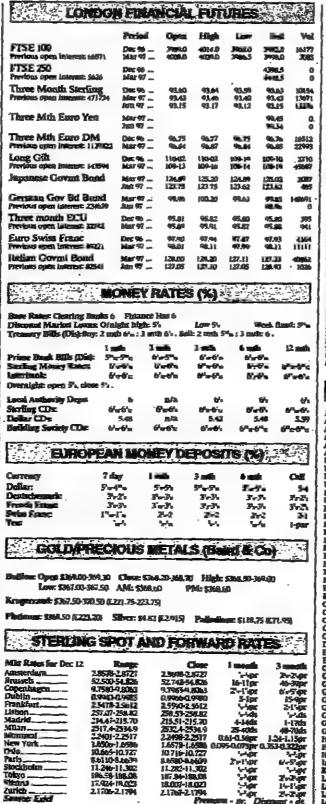
Exclusivity (or the illusion thereof) remains the attraction of Harvey Nichols and, fortunately, the management has no plans to wreck the brand in the out-of-town

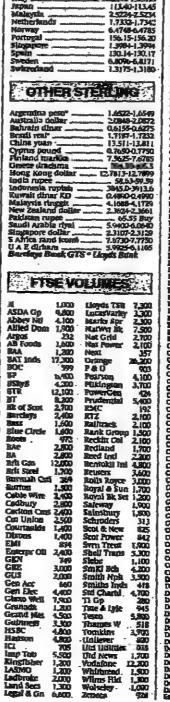
Even so, none of this justifies the fabulous rating. Aggressive growth forecasts might justify a forward earn-ings multiple of more than 27 times in a more substantial company. But, in the end, this is a smallish business depending on the discretionary spending of the very wealthy. As Harvey Nichols reaches out for more customers that band of surplus cash will look even thinner.

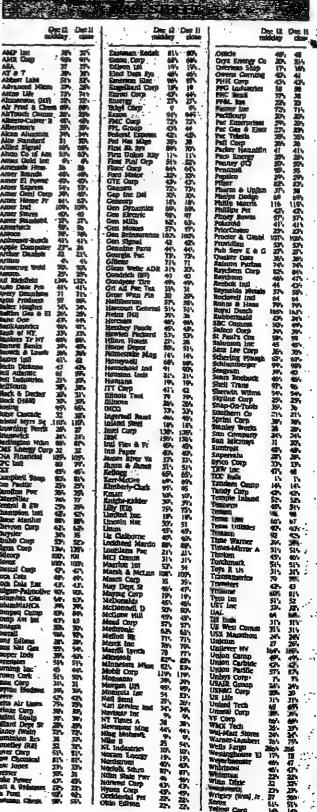
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Acas teamwork — a little late

ACAS, the Government's industrial dispute-settling service, has just published worthy tome called Teamwork: Success Through People. Odd to given that it is dated

Since that time, the conciliators of Acas have been wrestling with a particu-larly difficult, strike-ridden dispute, between the Royal Mail and its main union the Communication Workers, over the vexed question of ... er. teamworking. So it was felt that it might be a touch more diplomatic to delay publication.

Clean sweep

THE rescue of Sir Ranulph Fiennes from his Antarctic walk could have proved embarrassing for James Dyson, founder of the eponymous vacuum cleaner company. Dyson was backing Sir Ranulph in his quest, and had brought out a special edition of a vacuum cleaner called the Dyson Antarctic. But Mr Dyson claims that the main reason that he was backing Sir Ranulph was to raise money for Breakthrough, the breast cancer charity. True to his word, Dyson remains on track, and is to present a £1.44 million cheque to the charity before Christmas.

Party time

BLOOMBERG, the financial news provider, is offering its services free to both the Conservative and Labour party in the election run-up. Stephen Lock. Blairite managing director tions, and brainchild of the scheme, suggested the idea to Labour HQ. "When banks or fund managers make a wrong comment, the party needs to be able to rebut it, " he says.



All Anna Commence

Light work

A FIRST for Clifford Chance who hosted a Hanukka party this week. Geoffrey Howe admitted he was a little perplexed when he, a Christian, was asked to make the welcome

"However, when it was pointed out that President Clinton was lighting the menorali at the White House, it seemed only right that the managing partner of Clifford Chance should be doing the same thing, although I am not sure I want the analogy with President Clinton to go much further than that."

A legal 'yes?

IF the rumours are true, Cameron Markby Hewitt and McKenna have tied the knot at last. After much flirting and many a false start. I am told that the legal firms have merged. Tight-lipped Christopher Powell-Smith, senior partner at McKenna, said: "I am not confirming or denying anything."

MANY thanks to Hill 8 Knowlton, the public relations arm of Martin Sorrell's WPP, which is extending the season of giving by including five spare Christmas cards with its official greetings card. Its legend says "A compelling message can be delivered in many forms." Not that many. There were only four. envelopes.

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ECONOMIC WEW



ANATOLE KALETSKY

Europe would do well to ape American economic policy

Pragmatism in

macroeconomic

management is better than

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tors these days are divided into implacably hostile factions. These two warring camps are reminiscent of the Big-Endians and Little-Endians in Gullliver's Travels. They both agree on one thing: that the American economy is unstable and threatens to destabilise the world economy. Beyond that, the two factions are perpetually at war and their battle causes much of the present wild volatility in finan-

cial markets the world over. One faction, the Inflation-ists, believes that economic growth in America will speed up next year. This will push inflation out of the present 2 to 3 per cent range to 3.5 per cent or higher. The Federal Reserve will have to raise interest rates by a point or so to slow the economy and bring inflation back under control. The other camp, the Deflationists, be-lieves the contrary; the American economy will slow down. This will undermine investment and turn economic insecurity into a political issue once again. The Fed will have to lower interest rates by a point or so to prevent an

increase in unemployment.
Why should anyone care very much whether the Inflationists or Deflationists are right? Both reach the same ultimate conclusion, just as the Lilliputians all ate up their eggs. Whether by raising rates a bit or lowering them slightly. the Fed will probably keep playment near enaugh to their present levels for the next few years. Experience suggests that the Fed will be able to continue its careful balancing act between inflation and unemployment until wage inflation starts to accelerate

sharply, or there is some external shock such as a war. Why, then, are the markets in such a frenzy about Ameri-can policy? And why are Fed officials apparently worried, too? Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman, apparently thought long and hard last week before he issued his famous warning about the "irrational exuberance" of financial markets - a description that is actually more applicable to the overheated hond markets in Japan and Europe than to share prices in the US. Mr Greenspan seems to be worried that financial euphoria might limit the Fed's future

room for manoeuvre. As I explained on this page on Tuesday, Mr Greenspan seems to be siding with the Deflationists at present. His main concern is the possibility that an interest rate cut may be needed in the winter, but that : such an easing could launch bond and stock prices into the stratosphere, creating the small but significant risk of a Japanese-style financial bubble and slump. But the Fed is bull market, but also for the



even-handed in its anxieties. long period of full employment If the Inflationists turn out to be right, Mr Greenspan has to consider their worries.

Stronger economic conditions next year could call for a small rise in interest rates, but given the present wild mood in many markets, even a small move could have disproportionate and unpredictable re-sults. If the markets fell suddenly, consumer and business confidence could conceivably be undermined. Worse. there could be a panic among the foreign investors who have been financing the US trade deficit by buying Treasury bonds. The dollar could then fall sharply, and while this would do no great harm to America it would be a disaster for Europe and Japan.

From the Fed's point of view, therefore, it is clearly atractive to try to blow the speculative froth off the markets and prepare investors for all contingencies - leaving the Fed free to raise interest rates or lower them, as conditions require. This seems an eminently sensible approach both to economic policy and to the management of market expectations. Why then have so many commentators seen Mr Greenspan's warning as the death knell not only for the

and low inflation which seemed on course to run until the end of the decade?

In my opinion, the outbreak of pessimism has less to do with the dangerous condition of the US economy or the supposedly speculative level of share prices than it does with the social psychology of millenarian religious cults. The way the Fed has actively finetuned the American economy, avoiding the perils of both inflation and deflation, has been an affront to puritan morality as well as monetarist laisser faire ideology.

hroughout this decade Europe and Japan have suffered mass unemployment and stagnation, but Americans have had an easy, even enjoyable, ride. Yet it is America that saves too little consumes too much and buys more than it sells abroad. Surely this cannot be right. A

nemesis must be in store. On this point, as on so many others, there is an interesting. convergence between the ideological puritans of the far left. who know that modern capitalism is doomed by its arrogance and harshness, and the ideological puritans of the far right, who believe that modern

pampering gentleness and lack of confidence. Both ideological extremes have a millenarian quality. In every minor financial or economic setback they see a vision of divine retribution. The avenging angels of finance will sweep away the unrighteous and leave a purified world for those who follow the true path (these could be either the Hong Kong Chinese or the German trade unions, de-

pending on the specific mille-

capitalism is doomed by its

narian's ideological bent). Such prophets of doom had their hour of glory during the period of global economic and social crisis from 1968 to 1982. But since then they have been exasperated by Alan Greenspan, and his predecessor at the Fed. Paul Voicker the two Fed chairmen have successfully steered the American economy between the twin perils of inflation and depression. Again and again — in the Third World debt crisis of 1982, the property and banking crash of 1983, the stock market meltdown of 1987, the leveraged buyout boom of 1989 and the dollar collapse of 1995 - the apocalyotics thought that they heard the last trumpet. But somehow the American Sodom always escaped

poned? Partly because the fatal flaws" of underinvestment, overconsumption and foreign borrowing are actually nothing of the kind. America has the highest level of capital employed per worker and its rate of profitable investment, taking into account intangibles such as advertising, software development and academic research. exceeds comparable figures for Germany and Japan. The trade deficit is caused largely by the unemployment catastrophe in Europe and the seemingly incurable stagnation in Japan, rather than the self-indulgence of American consumers. The US savings rate is not nearly as bad as it looks. Americans put their savings into equities, property and real assets. Each dollar of American savings goes a lot further, therefore, than the equivalent money that Germans and Japanese put in lowyielding deposits and government bonds.

reckoning has kept being post-

ut there is an issue of economic management more fundamental than any quibbles about statistics. In a world of reasonably free and flexible markets, imbalances in trade, consumption and investment can generate countervailing forces. As long as these balancing forces — currency movements, interest rate changes and fiscal deficits are properly managed, a country can continue to grow with more or less full employment and modest levels of inflation for long periods.

Sooner or later macroeconomic fine-tuning is bound to result in a misjudgment that leads to recession or inflation. But a country that employs active and pragmatic macroeconomic management is likely to do better than one whose policymakers rely on unproven dogmas or arbitrary rules. This draw from America's economic success -- instead of moralising about America's supposed decadence. Europeans should recognise that American economic policy is a model, not a threat, to the world.

America is far from perfect. I would certainly not want to bring up my children there. It lacks decent public services. It is marred by violence, extremism and grinding poverty. Altogether, there are many things wrong with America. It just happens that economic policy is not one of them.

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UK insurance sector gripped by a fever of match-making

Marianne Curphey on intense efforts to get eligible suitors to the merger altar

Dick an insurance company, any insurance company and its name will have been linked with at least half a dozen possible suitors, such is the fever of bid and rumour sweeping the sector.

Since the beginning of the year, the City's biggest mer-chant banks have been putting their best efforts into corporate match-making. Their attempts to bring about successful marriages have intensified in recent months, amid fears that the most desirable companies might be paired up by Christmas. None of the Square Mile's heavy-hitters want to miss out on the last big deals of the year.

The eligible companies have already been lined up and their public and private comments picked over for clues to future strategies. They are Prudential. Standard Life, Scottish Widows. Commercial

Union, Legal & General General Accident, Norwich Union, Guardian Royal Exchange, BAT Industries (which owns

The names of many more smaller companies, includ-ing Friends Provident, Scottish Life and NPL crop up regularly as possible bid argets.

Speculation this week has pushed up the share price of Commercial Union and BAT Industries. CU has been steadily climbing to its previous year high of 677 2p although at yesterday's 644p it still has scope for growth. BAT's price has also continued to rise, putting on 9p to 497p, in spite of the prospect the United States. . These rises have been

fuelled by the revelation that the two had planned a merger. CU would have bought BAT's financial services division and left BAT with some control through a minority stake. Though the talks have reportedly broken down, BAT is still keen to find itself a partner and is believed to have talked to Legal & General, CU, meanwhile, is being linked to its composite rival, General Ac- to work together.

cident. Legal & General had earlier caught the eye of NatWest Bank, which has made no secret of its wish to expand within the UK. The names of the favoured few crop up every few months. linked with each other, with smaller mutual life insurers. with building societies and

with banks. In all but a few cases, the City believes they are about to embark on friendly mergers, rather than hostile bids. This is because price tags within the insurance and banking sectors have been rising quickly, and only a very brave company would feel comfortable paying the 25 per cent to 30 per cent bid premium expected from a hostile approach,

Much of the appetite for change has come from merchani banks, keen to rack up pushing the line that medium-size insurance companies need

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July of Royal Insurance Eagle Star and Sun Alli-and Allied Dunbar) and ance, a friendly deal that Royal & Sun Alliance (RSA). created the Royal & Sun and Sun Alli-Alliance.

Yet, though the new company has talked about job losses, it has yet to fulfil its potential for dramatic savings. The City will be watching closely for signs of this when RSA reports full-year profits next year.

Some analysts take issue with the theory that bigger is always better. For a merger to be really successful, they argue, there must be a large overlap, which will enable computer systems to be merged, offices to be closed

This involves hard decisions and bad publicity for management. Bifu. Banking Insurance and Flnance Union, has predicted that half of the industry's 200,000 workforce will have been cut by the end of the decade. Others argue that since insurance companies' assets are its staff, mergers do not add value unless the cultures of the merging companies fit well and the employees can be persuaded

Building Societies Act 1986.

Notice under paragraph 7 of schedule 17 to the Act.

Notice is hereby given that the Alliance & Leicester Building Society, Register No. 7376, whose principal office is at 49 Park Lane, London W1Y 4EO, desires to transfer its business to Alliance & Leicester plc, and that the Society has applied to the Building Societies Commission to confirm the transfer,

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Campaign is failing to grasp the nettle on equal opportunities at work

BUSINESSI-ETTERS

interest in -- enhancing wom- policy of trying to allow marwhen they have children. This From Mrs Penny Tucker

Sir. I would like to believe that en's job opportunities. As improving business opportu- proselytisers, they are likely to nities for women really will produce "sharp-gains" for all companies, as those involved in Opportunites 2000 claim numbers of women, their ex-(report, The Times, December 2). I have my doubts, however.

The organisations involved in Opportunities 2000 are selfelected. Either they have historically employed large numbers of women, or they have an ideological commitment to - or some other

Offshore? Look

From Mr Matthew C. Cain

Sir. The recent revelations

about the trading affairs of

Mil-Tec Corporation Limited

have done little to enhance the

good reputation that the Isle of Man has earned as an off-

However, it must not be

forgotten that in circum-

stances like these the jurisdic-

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regard their achievements through rosy-tinted spectacles. As existing employers of large perience, and gains, may be Families tend to be inflexible

in their demands. Familyfriendly policies tend to give priorities to those whose families make demands. My own experience in the Armed Forces was that the family-friendly

(rather than by act or omis-

sion). The Isle of Man, along

with a number of other re-

sponsible offshore jurisdic-

tions, already has a relatively

strong supervisory framework

in place to prevent abuse of its

offshore vehicles. Neverthe-

less, there will always be

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Whilst an inquiry into allega-

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ried couples to serve in the acts as a disincentive to female same area was particularly commitment to employment disadvantageous to single and beforehand, and often results in the value of women's earn-"mobile" married women. Similarly, nurses complain ings subsequently being less than the cost or effort of about the way that the workschedules of those without replacing their domestic family constraints have to fit contribution. round the work-schedules of It virtually forces young

those with less flexibility. The fact is that the opportunities of both sexes are constrained by our current belief that women have the right, if not the duty, to give up work

fathers to work long hours in order to try to minimise the loss of income, and, since earnings and promotion tend to be linked, it almost inevitably creates a gulf between the achievements of men and This is a difficult issue, like fensive on offshore centres (let so many thrown up by the

question of equal opportunities. I am afraid that Opportunities 2000, like the EOC. avoids grasping the nettle, preferring instead to pretend that we can have our cake and eat it, too,

Yours faithfully PENNY TLICKER. 7 Cedar Terrace, Thackham's Lane, Hartley Wintney,

tion of incorporation is often be welcomed, a knee-jerk ofguilty merely by association

us not forget that some full members of the European Union are considered to be offshore centres), and the products they provide, is unnecessary. It is often more appropriate to look closer to home when seeking solutions to offshore problems.

Yours faithfully, MATTHEW C. CAIN. 314 Queenstown Road, Battersea, SW8.

Hampshire.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hicking Pentecost

buys US operation

HICKING PENTECOST is expanding its industrial threads

business through the purchase of a US business, Belding Thread, the thread division of the Belding Heminway

Company, for \$56.4 million. Belding produces industrial

threads made of synthentic materials, such as nylon and

polyester, for niche markets. The business earned operating

profits of \$5.1 million in 1995, on turnover of \$68.3 million.

The consideration includes the assumption of debts of \$1.5

million. Hicking Pentecost will part-fund the acquisition

through a placing and open offer to raise £22 million. Existing

shareholders are offered stock units at 300p each, with each

unit converting into ordinary shares on a one-for-one basis at

300p each. The existing shares fell 2p to 312½p yesterday. Hicking Pentecost, which reported interim results last month,

compared with \$6.4 million and \$57.8 million in 1994.

M&G still wedded to value investing despite criticism

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

M&G GROUP vowed that it would remain a value investor yesterday, as it announced a 16 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £72.1 million, before exceptional items, for the year to September 30.

David Morgan, group man-aging director, said earnings per share had increased 13 per cent, to 66.2p, allowing a final dividend of 20p. This brings the year's total to 36p, to be paid on January 30, up from 32p previously. Funds under management grew by 13 per cent to £15.6 billion.

M&G's value approach,

which relies on high-yielding, recovery and undervalued smaller and medium-sized stocks, has done badly this year. Private investors have sharply criticised the company as the proportion of its unit trusts in the top quartile has slumped from 81 per cent to 12 per cent in the past ten years. Nevertheless, M&G said it had paid £3.8 million in group

and investment trusts soared 47 per cent, to E584 million, although M&G said their proportion to funds under

time, on volume 21 per cent

ahead at £38 million. Earn-

ings rose to 11.9p per share (8.6p). A final dividend of 3p

The shares closed down

makes a total 4.5p (3.6p).

44p yesterday, at 2954p.

Victrex rises to record

INSULATION against the strength of the pound helped Victrex, the polymer producer, to return record results in the year to September 30 after securing its orders months before sterling's rise.

The company generates 97 per cent of its sales

performance-related bonuses Redemptions from its unit

from five new clients, bringing its total institutional funds to E5.5 billion, generating £8.7 million in fees. Vivian Bazalgette, the new head of M&G Investment Management, said it would remain a value investor as a buoyant UK economy and risoverseas and had pre-tax profits of £12.9 million, 35 ing interest rates boded well for the "belt and braces" style per cent stronger than last

next year.

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Sales of regular-premium

life and pension products dou-

bled to £6.6 million, while

single-premium sales fell from

In the City, M&G won £490

million of pension money

£107 million to £85 million.

However he added that he had tightened stock-picking procedures. In future, Mr Bazalgette said, growth funds could be added to M&G's product range: "The future is in being a multi-product pro-



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James Walker, the managing director of Walkers Shortbread, which won the £10,000 top prize in the Food from Britain Export Innovation Awards

Fine Art in £6m deal to sell off Papertree

By Jason Nissé AND MARTIN BAKED

FINE Art Developments, the troubled mail order and greetings cards group, is to sell its Papertree retailing arm to The Greetings Stores Group, an operation run by Stuart Greenwood, the former finance director of Spring Ram.

Greetings Stores, founded by David Gravelles, a leading Yorkshire businessman, is paying about 66 million for the 90 shops which make up Papertree. The deal will give Greetings Stores, which last week bought another chain. Strand Libraries, a total of 210

Fine Art suffered a 66.2 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £2.1 million in the half-year to the end of September from turnover up 3.5 per cent to £143.6 million.

The dividend was maintained at 3.75p, despite a decline in earnings to 1.71p a

share from 5.18p. Fine Art issued a profits

warning in November, and has been addressing problems in its agency mail order and wholesale greetings cards businesses. Mail order sales were down 6 per cent to £63.8 million, with an 18 per cent fall in operating profit to £4.6 million. The company has hired new management and is looking for a new mail order managing director.

casters. In particular, there

should be a standard family

viewing watershed at 9pm.
The MPs told broadcasters

that the increase in specialist

television channels must not

increase levels of small-screen

violence. Joe Ashton, the Lab-

our MP, said that unless the

industry came up with sensi-ble proposals Parliament

said that trading remained in line with expectations. Fraud claims fall again

FRAUDULENT insurance claims have fallen for the fourth year running, according to the Association of British Insurers (ABI). The estimated cost of false claims in the past year of 5560 million was down 4.5 per cent on 1995. A seminar held by the ABI will be discussing the latest moves to combat fraud. Around one third of claims submitted in Britain are thought to be false or exaggerated, amounting to two fifths of the total cost to the insurance industry.

MTL wins Merseyrail

MTL GROUP, the UK's sixth largest bus operator, was named as the preferred bidder for the Merseyrail Electrics rail franchise. The decision by Opraf, the industry regulator, marks MTL's first success in the rail sell-off and its first foray outside its traditional operations. Merseyrail runs passenger services on two mutes, comparising 75 miles of track in and services on two routes, comprising 75 miles of track in and around Liverpool. A formal award announcement will be made once exact details of the franchise have been finalised.

Baggeridge profit down

BAGGERIDGE BRICK is maintaining the total dividend at 3.125p a share despite suffering a decline in pre-tax profits to £2.5 million from £4.7 million in the year to September 30 which, the company said, proved to be the worst 12-month period for brick dispatches in the United Kingdom since 1945. Turnover fell to £33.1 million from £36.1 million. Earnings of 4.07p a share compared with 7.59p previously. The final dividend is unchanged at 2.375p a share. The shares fell 14p to 97½p.

Wainhomes pegs payout

WAINHOMES, the housing and construction company, suffered a 58 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £1.75 million in the half year to September 30. Earnings fell to 1.9p a share from 4.5p. The interim dividend was maintained at 1.5p a share. Wainhomes sold 546 houses in the first half. compared with 633 last year. The price per unit increased, however, rising from £76,123 to £82,582, much of it attributed to a rise in the average size of units sold.

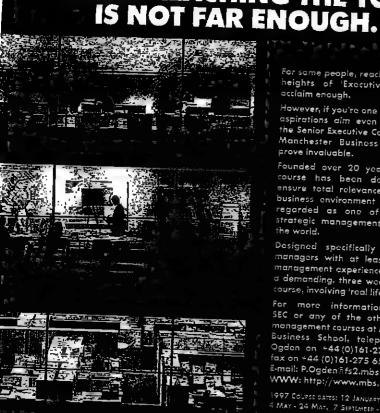
Clayhithe in the red

CLAYHITHE, the electronics and specialist engineering group, is maintaining its interim dividend at 0.88p in spite of a £50,000 pre-tax loss in the half year to September 30, against profits of £166,000 previously. There was a loss of 0.2p a share, against earnings of 0.6p. Turnover felt to £13.86 million, from £14.3 million. The company, which earn million in the last full year, said that it hoped that growth would resume next year. The shares fell 72p, to 622p.

Windsor advances

WINDSOR, the insurance broker and financial services company, lifted pre-tax profits to £764,000, from £443,000, in the year to the end of September, in spite of incurring an exceptional £337,000 loss on the sale of investment property. Profits from continuing operations rose to £1.1 million, from £443,000. Earnings were 0.92p a share (0.57p last time), and the total dividend is increased 20 per cent, to 0.6p a share. The shares rose 12p, to 212p.

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MANCHESTER BUSINESS SCHOOL

BSkyB promises its rivals access to digital technology

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent ITV Association, called for the reform of regulations to create a level playing field between terrestrial and satellite broad-

BSKYB, the satellite broadcaster, told MPs yesterday that it would not unfairly deny its rivals access to vital technology that it is developing for the launch of digital television.

Giving evidence to the National Heritage Select Committee inquiry into the fixture of broadcasting, BSkyB dis-missed claims by rival broadcasters that it intends to create a digital television monopoly. "Much hysterical, subjective and ill-informed debate has been fuelled by other vested

A SHARP fall in exceptional

costs and a healthy advance in

newspaper profits boosted the

full-year profits of Daily Mail

and General Trust (Frank le

Duc writes). Group pre-tax profit jumped to £85.5 million,

from £66.8 million, in the year

to September 29. Before ex-

ceptionals, the group made £86.6 million (£80 million).

Increases in circulation of

interests," the company, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, the owner of The Times, said in its written submission.

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would intervene.

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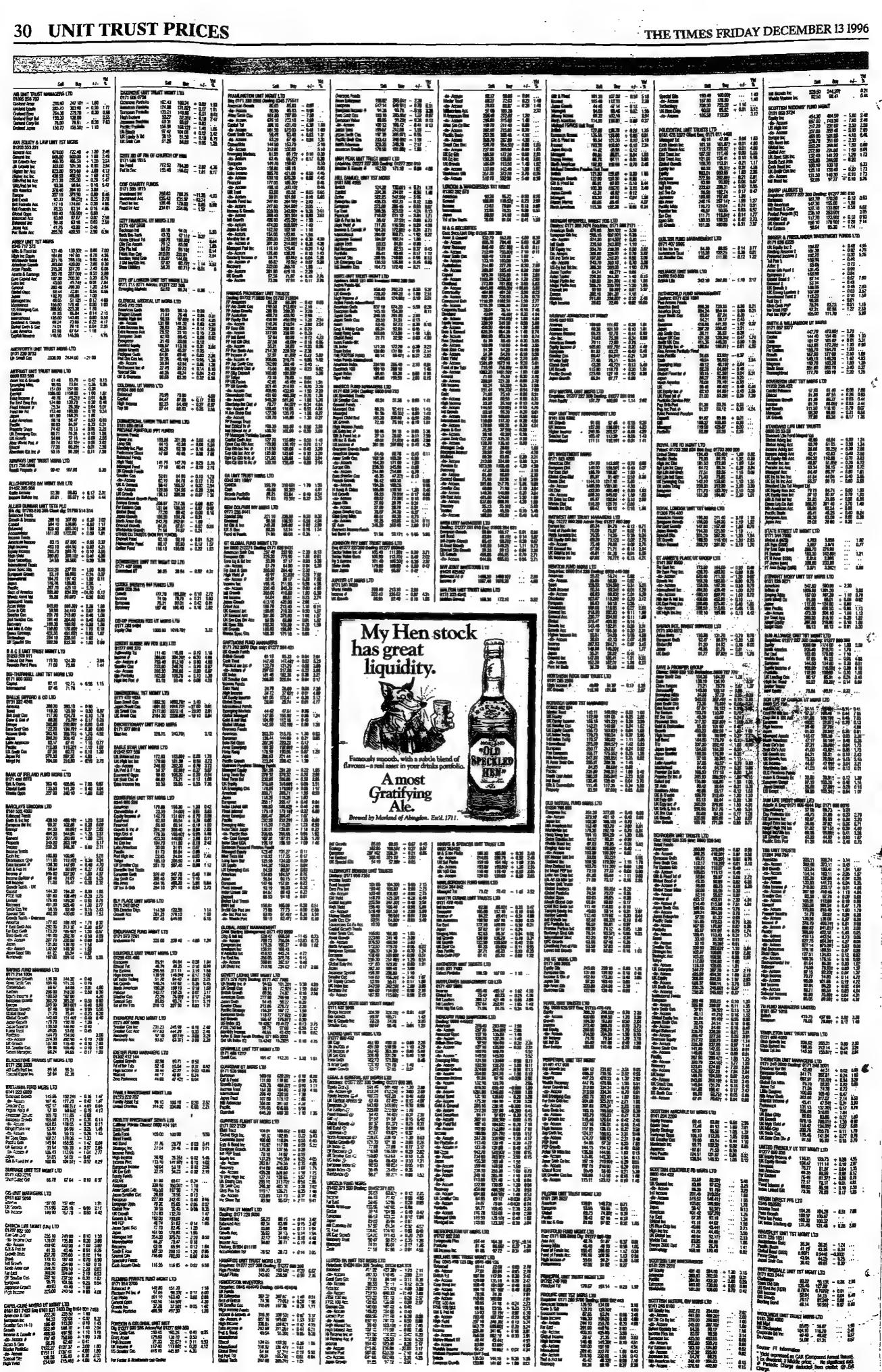
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THEATRE !

In Washington DC, Andrew Lloyd Webber unveils his appealing new musical. Whistle Down the Wind



THEATRE 2

.. while a 1930s view of Midsummer Night's Dream marks Jonathan Miller's return to the spoken theatre





DANCE

Caught on the stairs: Bunty Matthias's new Viewpoint promises more than it delivers



■ MUSIC

John Eliot Gardiner directs a memorable performance of J.S. Bach's Mass in B Minor

THEATRE: Lloyd Webber's new musical premiered in America; Miller's Shakespeare unveiled in London

Touching tale sweetly sung

Webber's imaginative world wonderfully preposterous things are always apt to happen. Cats-ascend to heaven. Trains race each other round the world. An Old Testament patriarch perpetrates marvels in an amazing dreamcost.

And, in the attractive and touching musical Sir Andrew unveiled in America on Wednesday, some 20th-century children manage to convince themselves that, just because he gasps "Jesus Christ!" when they find him hiding in a barn, a double murderer is the Messiah returned to earth.

But there are differences: here, and with them come problems. Whistle Down the Wind does not bounce you as easily as Lloyd Webber's surreal or mythic shows into suspending your disbelief. How could it, when the actress playing Swallow, the children's leader, is almost twice the age of Hayley Mills when she took the role in Bryan Forbes's celebrated film of Mary Haley Bell's novel? Irene Molloy is fresh and pleasing on the ear, but I never quite shed the feeling that even in the 1950s there would have been something awfully dim about a teenager who soardently continued to worship a Christ whose answer to deep questions was to sing raunchy

hardly be expected to fill theatres with music, what else are Sir Andrew, librettist Patricia Knop and director Hall Prince to do? Quite a lot, actually. The story has been transposed from northern England to Bible-belt Louisiana, where the adults seem as credulous as Swallow and hertot followers. Up goes a tent, in pounds a revivalist preacher, and suddenly good of boys

> Whistle Down the Wind

National Theatre, Washington DC

and girls are handling reallooking snakes and wildly Devil*.

Prince's production is pacy and, discounting the train that seems likely to leap off a bridge into the dress circle. refreshingly unfussy. Andrew Jackness, who designs. kitchen and a hokier town street, with projections of boxcars or pylons crossing the stage, and (especially) with multicoloured cloud formations in which fists and wings materialise. But this is not only a world premiere but a

Broadway-bound opening,

bay, has not been banished. The cursorily upbeat ending, in which Swallow's alcoholic dad pays folksy respect to the faith and purity of the young. needs particular attention.
The children could look as if they play in messier places than fingerbowls and put something other than Harrods soap on their faces. It would also help if Prince made more effort to suggest the "hardship, the sense of need, of dirt-poor farmers living a hard-scrabble life" he claims in the programme to want. That way, we would be more likely to buy the tale's improbabilities.

But Sir Andrew himself need do little more, for his score grabs you, whether it is in lyrical or smokey countrymusic or flerce, driving mode. The title song is as lovely as anything he has written, but what most struck me were the anthems of babbling confu-sion, self-disgust and despair he has given Davis Gaines's superb "Jesus".

When this ravaged figure. sings of failure and of the devils inside him, you do, it's true, wonder again why Swai-· low remains a disciple. But you also thrill to the sound of true music, authentic drama.

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Lloyd Webber's Whistle Down the Wind transposes the action from the northern England of Bryan Forbes's classic film to Bible-belt Louisiana



Angela Thorne (Titania) and Norman Rodway (Oberon)

though he might still do a sprightly Puck, and would probably make a capable stab at any role except "dwarfish" Hermia - no. his role is that of director, and for much of the first half his achievement is to have created the wittiest of openings to a comedy that enerally produces no laughter till the young couples are lost and confused in the wood.

eonfused in the wood.

He manages this by setting the play in the glittering 1930s, in front of a wall of glass swing doors, designed by the Quay Brothers, binting at the façade of a seriously grand hotel, presumably the Athens Ritz. The grandeur has

Laughter in Miller's woods

his workmen make their first appearance but, surprisingly, works perfectly well as woodland. Puck holds open a door - there are 12 in all — and a dazed lover drifts out and away.

The conceit makes ingenious fun of itself when Helena, though deep in the wood, stares at her reflection in a door before uttering the line: "No, no, I am as ugly as a

Of course a quick reread of the lines spoken by, say. Theseus and Hippolyta in the opening scene shows that they contain no humour at all and little liveliness. He compares the moon to a stendame refers to its silver Night's Dream bow, new-bent in heaven, and then Almeida the plot bursts

form of Hermia's raging father. But in Miller's production Theseus is played by John Franklyn-Robbins as an infinitely courteous duke, old-bufferish in the most gracious way, an aristo with unquestioned membership of the best clubs, and such a line, affably drawled, as "the pale companion is not for our pomp' miraculously anchors the play in an affluent and functioning world that we can recognise as being

our own. It is the same with Angela Down's coolly appraising Hippol-

with Angela Thorne's crisply dismissive Titania, slinky in gold lame the cut-glass voices that render British films of the period so risibly effete are used in counterpoint to the emotional material. What takes place is comic and serious together. After all, a lady of the manor would know, as Titania does, how grievous it is when the nine men's

morris is filled up with mud.

Her scenes with Norman

Oberon have vigour and, on Rodway's part, a tenderness when he murmurs her name when removing the spell. His Puck (Jason Watkins) is a cheeky cockney: "I am that merry wanderer of the night," he admits, tucking his fingers proudly into his mustard-yellow weskit.

The lovers begin as charac-ters in a high society play: Jonathan Coy a puffing young military Demetrius, Angus Wright's Lysander floppy with love and neat similes, whose tone of voice interestingly, when be-witched, goes into conventional

Touzel and Doon Mackichan, like British weather, move smoothly from cool to stormy. With the rude mechanicals the

production is far less successful, although Frank Williams's Quince, like a tetchy Betjeman, is Peter Bayliss strives too hard to be a funny Bottom and isn't, though his punning headpiece,

ass at the front and arse behind, is a vital piece of ugliness in a production that might otherwise keep unwisely to elegance. By the evening's end Miller's vision of the play is showing a touch of glaucomic fuzziness

around the edges, but there is bright clarity enough in the centre JEREMY KINGSTON

stronger than in the compa-

ny's last production, but what's needed now is a greater

commitment to ideas and a

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CONCERTS: An unforgettable Bach mass; plus a Shostakovich treasure

THE performance history of Bach's B Minor Mass is shrouded in mystery. Parts of it were performed at different times and in different places in Bach's lifetime, but there is no record of a complete hearing until much later. Indeed, since the Mass was unsuitable in its final form for either the Catholic or Protestant liturgies, it has been argued that Bach completed it as a summation of his art as a composer of sacred vocal music, in much the same way that The Art of

Fugue summed up that aspect of his compositional skills.

The theory is an attractive one, but where does it leave us as far as performance practice is concerned? If Bach completed the B Minor Mass without a performance in mind, how can we best recreate his inten-

In the monumental essay by the distinguished Bach scholar Christoph Wolff, reproduced in the programme book accompanying the equally imposing interpretation by John Eliot Gardiner, the Monteverdi Choir and the English

Performing a minor miracle

Baroque Solo-ists at the Barbican, the usual evidence for the performance of

Monteverdi Choir/Gardiner Barbican

music is cited. Head of this is the Entwurss, a memorandum to the Leipzig Council that has often been put forward as the key to Bach's performing forces: three or four singers to a part plus two to three violins on each. In a recent article for Early Music, however, Andrew Parrott has convincingly reconsidered this document to show that Bach was in fact accustomed to writing for just one singer and one violin to a part. By these standards, Gar-diner presented a de luxe version, with six singers to each of the five vocal parts, together with a total of 14

each of violas and cellos. I'm not saying that for today, for a performance in

the Barbican, this is right or wrong - and at many points Gardiner reduced the numbers - but it is worth bearing in mind, especially when, on the other hand, he followed what might be considered historically aware practice in drawing his soloists ("Concertisten") from the

There is no doubt that the Monteverdi Choir is one of the finest of its kind, perhaps the finest, and it certainly did not disappoint on this occasion. Always responsive to Gardiner's interpretation, it can bring off with extraordinary

flair the exhilarating pace of movements like the "Cum sancto spiritu" or "Osanna in excelsis", or sustain the emo-tional intensity of movements such as the "Crucifixus". This performance confirmed that the individual members of the choir have good, clear voices. but as soloists they were not always able to project suffi-ciently in a hall the size of the Barbican. The patchy acoustic probably did not help, but neither did the fact that the soloists had to sing over the

massed violins. Such quibbles aside, how-ever, this was a performance remarkable for the sweep of the interpretation: Gardiner achieved a rare dramatic continuity and integrity of vision through shaping the music at every level, from details of phrasing in the strings and carefully controlled articulations in the choir to the full realisation of the larger harmonic structure. In this respect, it was an unforgettable

Tess Knighton

waltzes, which along with the massive

orchestral forces required make this perhaps the most Mahlerian of Shostako-

By contrast, Mozart's Piano Concerto No 27 in B flat, K595, last of his great

series of concertos, is lightly scored even

by the composer's own standards. It has radiant simplicity, touched with melancholy, but like The Magic Flute its subtleties run deep. Andras Schiff was the

gentle, soft-grained soloist, who within

his refined scale of dynamics never forced

a note. He made the Larghetto a lyrical

vich's symphonics.

DANCE: A London premiere

Stuck in a rut

BUNTY MATTHLAS calls her cosmopolitan' energy. The new piece Viewpoint, and at choreography is undoubtedly first glance the view is impressive. Two large interlocking white staincases on rollers define the stage, a striking visual image that nicely suggests the idea of movement.

Dancers walk up and down the staircases, sometimes travellers along the steps, at other times a kind of architectural compostruction. The potential for clever choreographic con-trivance is thus in

But where do we go from here? Into a world of lost opportumities, as it turns out. During the course of the next 50 minutes at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, what

began as a tight en-semble of six dancers quickly deteriorates into a disparate collection of half a dozen. Matthias's premise - that dance and architecture both need space to function — is sacrificed to the easy pursuit of style-conscious choreographic posturing. Instead of exploring the promise of intellectual engagement, the move-ment falls into a rut of

This is particularly hard on Matthias's dancers. They parade through aimless choreography that leaves each one of them out on a limb. Like narcissistic habitués of some metropolitan singles bar, they are too absorbed in celebrating their own separateness to

connect with a wider world. Yet there is a chic overlay to the proceedings. Matthias and her co-choreographer Anna-



Bunty Matthias in Viewpoint

The soundtrack (credit: Noel Watson) veers from electro-blast to meditative chants, and crosses a world of influences. Those wonderful staircases were designed by Wells Mackereth Architects.

DEBRA CRAINE



From rare terror to radiance

WHEN his Fifth Symphony was premiered triumphantly in 1937, Shostakovich wondered aloud what would have been said had he finished it pianissimo and in the minor instead of fortissimo and

in a major key.

No one knew he was thinking of his suppressed Fourth Symphony, put aside in the wake of Stalin's denunciation of his opera Lady Macbeth of Misensk and not to be heard until the 1960s. This pivotal work, containing the seeds of the composer's late, ambiguous style, is still not played often enough, and thus Bernard Haitink's bold account of it in the second of his two London Philharmonic concerts this week was one to be treasured.

The Fourth may not be programmatic like some of Shostakovich's other symphonies, but its bitterness and anger

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late Thirties. The anguished working-out the first movement's themes receive after its shricking, raucous opening speaks of terrifying tension, and Haitink caught almost all of it. He was less inhibited than on his justly admired recording of the work with the same orchestra, and to good effect: each episode, from the presto string fugue to the grim funeral march, made its full impact.

The LPO played with taut precision, at times like a mighty machine, while allowing the comparative warmth of the Moderato and dense, sinister darkness of the closing bars to come across. The plainly evoke the Stalinist terror of the quirkiness was there too, above all in the

outpouring and brought delicacy to the dancing rhythms of the finale. String sound had special shine in a performance that bore the stamp of Haitink's and Schiff's formidable musical parmership.

JOHN ALLISON



POP 1

The best records of 1996 range from Joan Osborne's Relish, which reinvented classic rock ...



POP 2

... and the jagged peaks of emotion scaled by Longpigs on The Sun Is Often Out ...





POP3

... to the 57-year-old Norma Waterson giving the folk treatment to an eclectic mix

of material ...



POP 4

and the dark, hard, moody and relentless . singles put out by the Prodigy

Of fave raves and a rave fave

Alanis and Oasis may have ruled the charts, but David Sinclair found more off-the-wall hits warmed his 36

ike most American acts in 1996. Joan Osborne spent the year labouring in the shadow of Alanis Morissette, whose Jagged Little Pill is now one of the biggest-selling albums of the decade. But, unlike most American acts. Osborne actually made a better album than Morissette's. It was called Relish (Blue Gorilla/Mercury 526 699, E15.49), and if ever a collection of songs could be said to have minted fresh coin from the ore of traditional American music, this was it.

A masterpiece which all but reinvented the notion of classic rock. Relish incorporated elements of blues, soul and, most intriguingly, hillbilly gospel, into a format that was as rich as it was accessible. One Of Us was the album's big hit, but other tracks, especially the glorious-ly syncopated Spider Web and the striding, skipped-beat rocker, Right Hand Man, gave a better indication of the sweeping emotional range at Osborne's disposal, and the seduc-tive delights of her sweet-and-sour vocal tone.

In Britain the tidal wave of Britpop bands gradually slowed to a stream of stragglers. Ash, Cast and the Bluetones all made great singles and laid the foundations of longterm careers with debut albums that seemed to promise more than they delivered, while Kula Shaker, who had yet to release a record this time last year, became a gilt-edged

But only one new British band released an album that genuinely lasted the distance on musical merit alone: the unfortunately named Longpigs with their much-delayed debut, The Sun is Often Out (Mother MUM9602, £9.99).

With songs such as Lost Myself, She Said and the transcendental Jesus Christ, all built around the craggy guitar chops of Richard Hawley and the pleading vocal Longpigs consistently scaled jagged peaks of emotion while never once losing the melodic plot.

Norma Waterson's near-triumph in the Mercury Music Prize with her self-titled debut (Hannibal/ Rykodisc HNCD 1393, £11.99) raised a few eyebrows. The 57-year-old grandmother from Hull gave Pulp a run for their money with a collection of songs gathered from anywhere

or songs garnered from anywhere but the usual folk sources. Effortlessly bending times by Elvis Costello, Billy Bragg, Richard Thompson (who played brilliantly throughout the album) and others to the service of her noble, lilting voice, Waterson conjured memories of Fairport Convention during the days of Sandy Denny, particularly with her version of Ben Harper's Pleasure and Pain. Her gorgeous interpretation of the Grateful Dead's Black Muddy River was a performance to die for performance to die for

There was much talk this year of how hardcore techno music was becoming the "new rock". Underworld's album. Second Toughest in the Infants, was a timely wake-up call to the legions of fans still lost in the cosy haze of Britpop, and even the king of retro, Noel Gallagher, found time to collaborate with the Chemical Brothers on their single.

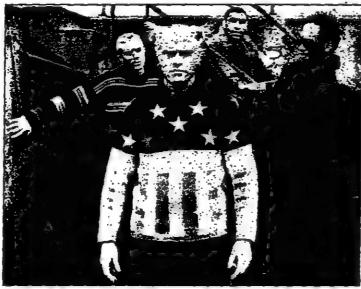
Setting Sun.

But it was two sturming singles by the Prodigy — Firestarter (XL XLS 70) and Breathe (XL XLS 80, £4.49 each), both of which topped the chart and stayed there — that truly signalled the seismic shift in pop that got under way in 1996. Dark, hard moody and relentless, both hard, moody and relentless, both records came tooled up with alarming videos in which dancer/vocalist Keith Flint performed with the demented menace of a satanic clown, while the machine-generated beats rained down like a piston gunning a heavy industrial pump. It was sensational stuff.

Radio programmers and industry pundits scratched their heads in bemusement, children hid behind their solas and grown-up viewers of the decadent ferocity of it all, just like they used to in the days when pop really mattered.

AN EXCLUSIVE COMPETITION ----- THE









That Sinclair set of searing, soaraway superstars in full (clockwise from top): Longpigs, Norma Waterson, Joan Osborne and the Prodigy

No sleep till you've finished reading the Beastie Boys' mag

learn about new stuff, as long

as it's entertainingly written

about. Thus, in the current

issue of Grand Royal, we are

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All the news that's fit

Pop stars' second careers ally hilarious. There's the backseat driver jobs of running a studio or producing other bands' records, which pretty much every pop star dabbles in at some point. Then there's the renaissance men and women who can sing, dance and run a trout farm (Roger Daltrey), design wall-paper (David Bowie), or write vast tomes on prehistoric stone circles (Julian Cope).

And then there's the Beastie Boys — hip hop Richard Bransons with finthan a tribe of cannibals who got a Pie Magic machine for Christmas. The Beastie Boys make Margaret Thatcher look like a lazy, dozy slacker who curled up on some

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beanbag in front of the telly in 1990 and hasn't got As well as their own, juicily successful careers, they've set up their own record label, Grand Royal, with a strong bias towards self-possesse female artists (Bis and Luscious Jackson); a clothing company: a Free Tibet travelling festival that's grossing mil-tions in aid of the Tibetans; and a magazine, also named Grand Royal.

The magazine is fascinating for a variety of reasons. First, it's like no magazine you've ever seen before. There are no articles about fashtion, sex. style or clothes. There are no headlines squealing Why are you so insecure and hated? No New Lad hideousness about how sexism is OK so long as it's ironic. Instead, Grand Royal presumes that you have a brain, and, what's more, that given the fascinating history of Adidas trainers, a 32-page piece on Moog synthesizers and their oddball predecessor, the Theremin, and a ten-page interview with pop artist "Weird" Al Yankovich, in which no questions are asked. features? Well, as a woman who gets an uncontrollable urge to run away if she

looks at a plug, let alone the insides of a Moog Sonic Six, I was determined to build my own Theremin by end of it all. instructions The Boys' Ada

the Dalai La who speaks, with simple po ry, on how we could all be little bit happier if we were a little bit sweeter, while pages on there's a profile Jesco White, an Appalachi mountain dancer wh "Tryin", to be the good person [he] can within breakin the law". There's a a roundly hilarious piece how to get into Hollywo hotels' swimming pools, cluding advice on which wa and balconies to jump from

The most fascinating thi about Grand Royal, howev is the concept that, one day, pop stars will want to run th own magazines. The Beas Boys are presumably tired having mosic journalists plaining the "meaning" as context of their records, as have decided they'd rath decode things themselve While the majority of

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that brain would be thrilled to magazine is not written by the Boys themselves, their ethos shines through - fun first. music second, musicians third, and the writer's ego last.

It's understandable that musicians want to start taking control of their media dealings - after all, the most a star can expect as a retraction of a front-page tabloid lie is the word "sorry", written in mi-croscopic Braille and buried on page 22. And if the maga-zines they produce are half as entertaining, intelligent, eclectic and fun as Grand Royal, then WH Smith's profits will

• The third issue of Grand Royal

Manx treat preacher

MOST of us, when asked to describe the sound of the Isle of Man, would probably think of the roar of motorcycles at the TT races. In fact, the island has a long and distinctive musical tradition influenced both by a Viking past and its geographical position at the very centre of the Gaelic world.

Spearheading the revival of Manx music is Emma Christian, a precocious 24-year-old singer with a PhD in the medieval history of her native island, who has done much to revive what had become almost a lost art form.

Christian gave a remarkable South Bank performance with her pure, haunting voice and compelling songs from the ancient kingdom. Accompanying herself on Celtic harp

Emma Christian

Purcell Room

and recorder she performs by the stage throughout) and pagan moods. The effect is intensely atmospheric as be-tween songs she tells age-old legends of the dramatic hist-ory of an island which remains an autonomous Crown dependency outside both the United Kingdom and the European Union.

Her voice is as breathtakingly beautiful as anything you have ever heard from the Celtic fringe, Think of Enys without the annoying synthe-sizers — and then some. This is a music in which time stands still, employing ancient modal structures which

Christian has become one of the biggest selling names in Celtic music in America. Her new album, Pagan Lady, is due for release in the new year, and should put both her and her home land on the musical map on this side of the Atlantic. She is also the founder and president of the annual "Isle of Man, Isle of Music" festival, an event which draws top artists from around the Celtic world, and which next year will be opened by the King of Norway in recognition of the Isle of Man's strong Scandina-

In our endless search for the exotic and the different from around the world, we often forget that we possess such jewels in the musical heritage of our own backyard. Christian is one such gem, a performer who is destined to make the Isle of Man famous once again for a lot more than motorcycle races.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

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POP 5

Art Garfunkel spent the past decade walking across America. Yet he still found time to make music



JAZZ 1

Mississippi vocalist Cassandra Wilson delivers a desultory performance to the faithful at Shepherds Bush





JAZZ 2

New on CD: the drummer Ted Sirota and his quartet pay tribute to the music of Ornette Coleman



TOMORROW

Covent Garden launches its development appeal with a gala: read John Higgins's verdict

Why Art went off to look for America

The curly-haired guy with the voice of an angel is back - with a new

album and an intimate knowledge of his native land. Paul Sexton reports

rt Garfunkel speaks with unsurprising eloquence about the art of vocal rich personal history, going back more than 40 years, in music and more than 40 years, at a movies. It comes as something of a movies. It comes as something of a surprise, therefore, to find that his surprise, mercure, in microthes such specialist subjects also include such specialist subjects as orienteering outdoor pursuits as orienteering

and topography.

Garfunkel is in London to publicise Across America, the first publicise Across America, and the first pub live album of his 26-year solo career. The record, containing both his own hits and those of Simon & Garfunkel, documents two concerts he gave in April at Ellis Island in Upper New York Bay.

I mma (high son at the place where generations of immigrants landed in America in sight of the Statue of Liberty, Garfunkel marked the end of a personal journey that distinguishes him as the selfpossessed and cerebral spirit he. has always appeared to be.

Over the past 12 years, in some 40 different outings of a week or so each, Garfunkel has walked across America, equipped only with map, paperback, sunglasses and notebook. The experience has provided the perfect antidote to the bustle of metropolitan life, and his musical tribulations of recent years.

"In 1984," he says, "I left my apartment on the Upper East Side of New York, with my new sneakers on my feet. I crossed Central
Park, Columbia College, the
George Washington Bridge, then
New Jersey, and just kept on
trucking.

good air. It's a great answer to the latter of late late 1986.

Says longer in challed with Sanon.

Garfunder of late 1986.

Just as Garfunder's career since an album to be called Songs from a my heart of hearts that it's a (7.50pm)

splitting with Paul Simon has Parent to a Child, due for release produced a selection of infrequent next year and his first new studio but finely honed albums, his appropriate the condition of proach to this endeavour was equally painstaking.

Some months later I'd find another chance, fly out to where ! left off, rent a car, get to the motel, drive to the exact spot, put the car off to the side of the road and keep trucking," he says, "I like to think of it as a Zen science Let the

shoulders fall, let the gait have no affectation, and once you're in that through the record company — and when you're in the third hour, you that's been a real barrier. You can't feel like you're lifting. off the ground." Thus Garfunkel re-6 I would do a

discovered the simweek, then plicity of youth by becoming, as his come home. friend James Taylor would out it, a walk-Td have 100 ing man. "I let sponta-neity be my itin-erary," he says. "And miles in me and a lot of can't tell you how good air 🤊 lovely it was. You really feel that you

know the topography. of America, and its meaningful. You know where the lowlands are after the Pallisades of New Jersey, and how that then climbs up to some hilliness in western Jersey. and then the Appalachians set in. It all becomes a topographical memory. Such an estimable undertaking

was not at the expense of Gardenke's family life. Indeed, hoth his wife, Kim Cermak, and his "One state leads to another. In burn, But it did provide an escape these 40 different outings, I would waive for the increasing finance do a week then come home. I'd did of the single supercording that I do not be increasing finance. I'd did not be single supercording fortification of my and and a lot of sections. six year-old son lames make vocal

The rejuvenation also has much to do with his new deal with Virgin after leaving Sony, his recording home for 32 years. "I felt misunderstood as a recording artist," Garfunkel says, "Sony was not at all my best friend, and I'm very

sed to have left it. "I've always felt that the people like me, but I gotta get at the people

> make an album that you're proud of and that you've laboured over for a long time. then bring it to these executives and have their misunderstand it and send it back to you and tell you what you need to do with it. It truly breaks your His other refuge

know what it's like to

came in appearing live on stage. "In the past few years I've become a stage artist rather than a recording artist," he says. "It's really the first time in my career that I've done a lot of shows. except for the early days with Paulle back in the 1960s. In the late 1980s and all through the 1990s i must have done a couple of hundred shows, and I'm into it. I

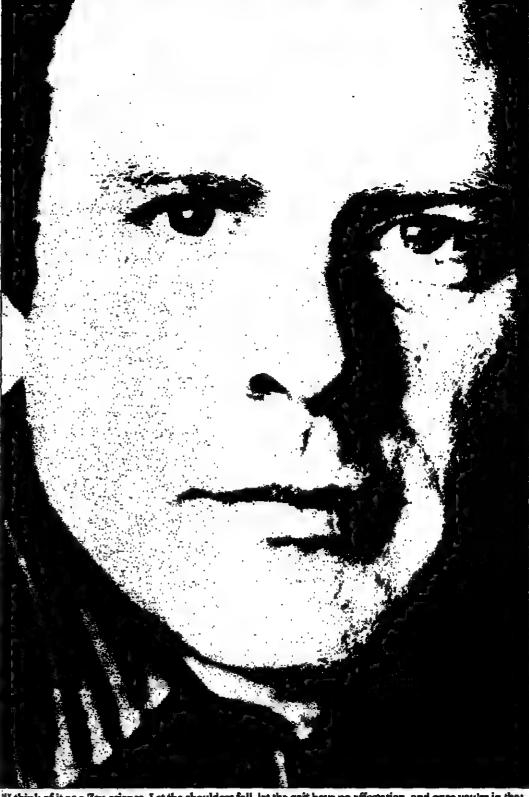
love cutting out that middle man." Talk of "Papile" prompts one to ask about his relationship with the man to whom Garfunkel's artistic attachment began, at the age of 11. It is only three years since the most recent of the duo's latest "come-back" tours but Ostrunkel now

lifelong friendship that will have a rapprochement somewhere in the not near (sic) future," he says. "I think we've ultimately turned off our followers who've said, Enough with this friendship with the on-off moodiness, can't you guys leave us alone on that subject? We accept that you split, now please don't have a reunion!

forms many of Simon's songs from their golden days in his set and on Across America. "I don't have any problem doing the old stuff," he says. "They're very good songs, they appeal to millions of people. I lost my feeling for Feelin' Groovy— it became fluff somewhere through the years, and I only keep it in the show as an accommodation of the fact that others like it.

"I'm not sick of The Sounds of Silence, though, I love to chase after the flow of Scarborough Fair, and Bridge Over Troubled Water is always that same polevault. You run down the first two verses with your pole, you plant it and you go over a 29st bar at the end, and that's nothing less than a thrill every time you do it."

: Be it such vocal athletics or his other forms of spiritual exercise, Gartunkel remains his own man, and hang the funny looks. Twe been getting those looks all my life." he says, and smiles. "Somewhere in my childhood I said: 'I ain't going to worry about the fact that I'm marching to the beat of my own drum. Whichever way they're swinging, I'm going to swing the other way. It's inherently more interesting."



Paying their dues to the Man

Rebel Roots (Naim CD014)

TT IS nearly 40 years since Ornette Coleman's classic acoustic quartet made the groundbreaking The Shape of Jazz to Come, but, perhaps

because today's revivalists prefer to revisit less free forms such as hard bop, the music Coleman made in the late 1950s still sounds oddly unfamiliar and radical

Drummer Ted Sirota's quartet takes this music as its starting point and, despite featuring a tenor/guitar front line instead of alto/trumpet for its compelling tension between structure and freedom. the Rebel Souls' sound is a worthy tribute to its celebrated

> In addition to six assured originals - three by guitarist Jeff Parker, two by saxophonist Kevin Kizer and a percus-sive, African-flavoured piece by the leader - the band also stretches out on tunes by Coleman himself, his late-1950s bassist Charlie Haden. Sonny Rollins and Monk.

CONRAD HERWIG The Latin Side of

(Astor Place TCD 4003) TO those who would object that they did not know John Coltrane had a Latin side -

tions took him to India and Africa rather than South America - the American trombonist Conrad Herwig replies: "This music is a marriage of Coltrane's musical logic, rhythmic conception, transcendental spirituality with Afro-Caribbean musical structures."

For this project he has assembled a superb band of Latin-music specialists - pia-nists Danilo Perez and Eddie Palmieri, flautist Dave Valentin, percussionists Richie Flores and Milton Cardona — and versatile jazz musicians such as trumpeter Bryan Lynch and baritone player Ronnie Cuber to filter such Cohrane staples as A Love Supreme, Naima and Impressions through smartly percussive arrangements.

The resulting album, chiefly memorable for its overall bite and textural sophistication, enables familiar material to be seen from a novel perspective.

CHRIS PARKER

Sharp and flat

NEXT time, Diana Krall will have to stay for more than one night (at Pizza Express, WI): here is a singer who has the talent to draw full houses, day

in, day out. While her new album, All For You, forms an affectionate. tribute to the trio recordings of Nat King Cole, Krall could never be mistaken for a fusty museum curator. Her lustrous voice, rooted in the lower register, transforms each number into an individual

and contemporary statement.

Opening with I'm An Errand Girl For Rhythm she flowed confidently into a drawling Is You Is Or Is You Ain't My Baby, a highlight of last year's release, Only Trust Your Heart. The studio version contained a characteristically smoky tenor saxophone solo by Stanley Turrentine; the live version stoked up enough

heat on its own. Gultarist Russell Malone and Paul Keller took full advantage of the openings that Krall generously granted them: this was a fully integrated trio, not simply a singer plus backing musicians. Meanwhile, those of us who

have been mystified by the

extravagant claims made for Cassandra Wilson over the past five years will have been none the wiser after her desultory performance at the Shepherds Bush Empire.

Although the biues-androots flavour of her last two albums has won her a broader pop audience, the Mississippiborn vocalist seems more and more a prisoner of her own earth-goddess mannerisms.

At her best she is undoubtedly a distinctive interpreter of hyrics. Her achingly slow treatment of I Can't Stand The Rain lends the song an cerily neurotic aura. The unorthodox line-up of her group -bass, percussion and guitars also has its merits.

Unfortunately, her infatua-tion with ballad tempos soon grew crushingly repetitive as she meandered through U2's Love Is Blindness and her own composition Find Him. There were no surprises, no hidden depths in her phrasing, only the same formula repeated over and over.

CLIVE DAVIS







■ CHOICE !

Tenor in town: José Carreras brings a bag of arias to London VENUE: Tomorrow at

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gällan Maxey

has worked, including Booby Wellins, Gerard Presencer and Art Theman, and the new Stan Tracey Septet. Queen Elizabeth Neil, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7 45pm.

BASINGSTOKE: Dr Evadre and Dame Hidd, otherwise known as Hinge and Bracket, star in the Anva's and Bracket, star in the Anva's Chisamas show, Dick Whittington with Magge Moone in the lead role, Busier Menyfield and Jene Freeman The Anvill, Churchil Lane (01258 844244) Opens tonight, 7 30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 2-30pm and 7pm (except Wed 25), Sun, Apm (2)

GUILDFORD: Anita Dobson as the Wicked Queen and Bill Maymard as Herman the Henchman star in the classic lary-tale. Snow Whate and the Seven Decarts: With Karen Worth Seven Decarts: With Seven Decarts: With

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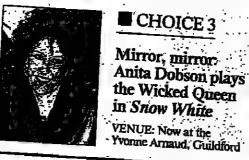


■ CHOICE 2

The jazz world throws a party for Stan Tracey's 70th birthday

VENUE: Tonight at the Queen Elizabeth Hall

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■ CHOICE 3 Mirror, mirror.

the Wicked Queen in Snow White VENUE: Now at the Yvonne Arnaud, Guildford



■ TELEVISION

A-hunting we won't go: Emma Fortune introduces her potentially controversial new drama

LONDON

ALBERT HALL: A varied programme this weekend begins laright with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra giving the world premiere performance of the world's greatest lands of the Beanstalk, with music by George Paleos The narrators include Joanna Lumby and Danny Delvito Tomorrow, one of the world's greatest landre. José Carreras, graces the Albert Hall stage and, on Sunday, Owean Arwel Hughes conducts the Royal Philihar-monic Orchestra in musc inspured by the magasil world of childhoad Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) All at 7 30pm.

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III JESUS CHRUST SUPERSTAR production Lyceum, Wallington Street, WC2 (U171-656 1907, booking fee) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

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CURRENT A CHINESE GHOST STORY.

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MFT (0171-926-3232) NEWCASTLE Comedy duo Cannon and Ball star in another performme lavourte, Aladelin With Paul Asher, alea Barry Grant of Brookside, and Felice Arena of Neighbours
Theatre Royal, 100 Grey Street (0191-232 2081) Opens today, 2pm and 7pm Then Mon-Sar (except Wed 25), 2pm and 7pm Until January 18 (i) STRATFORD RSC debut for Leske Philips, playing Faistall, with Susanna York (also her debut), Edward Politostation

Potherbridge and Joerna McCallum in The Marry Wives of Windsor. Royal Shakaspeare, Walerside (01789 295623). Previews begin longht, 7.30pm. Opens Dec 19, 7pm. in rep with Much Ado (2)

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LAUGHTER ON THE 23RD FLOOR: Neil Smon's lunny account of working among a team of scriptwriters for comedian Sid Cassar back or the 1950s Gene Wilder plays Sid Directed by Roger Hames, Shaffesbury Aserus, W1 (0171-494 5040) Mon-Sat, Spm: mass Wed, 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

SI THE LEARNED LADRER, Steven Princit's revival of Motière's sneer at women's ambitions. Some amusing performences go a title way to brighten at With Caroline Blakiston, Roger Alam, The Ptt, Barblean, Sik Street, EC2 (0171-838-8811) Tongshi and tomorrow, 7.18pm; met Sal, 2pm in rep

☑ OLD WICKED SONGS Bob ar out without aurities not hoskins plays a music protestor heading Schumenn to an arrogent young planst (Jernes Callis) Elljah Moehnsky directs Jon Martine's play Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5085) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm; mate Tue, 2-30pm, and Sat, 4pm.

SCROGE: Anthony Newley back on the West End stage singing the title role in the Leafle Brousse musical Dominion, Totarnham Court Road, W1 (0171-636 2285) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thura, Sat, 3pm

El WHO's AFRAID OF VIRGINIA
WOOLF?: Diana Rigg and David Sucher
in Howard Davies's powerful Africida
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Hunters hounded

mma Fortune is on the crest of a wave. On Monday she makes her television writing debut with Giving Tongue, a political satire about blood sports which is being screened as part of BBC2's Wicked Women series. And in February the awardwinning feature film Trojan Eddle, which she produced, goes on general release.

We first met a year ago on the Dublin set of the latter. It was a difficult shoot in filthy weather, the director Gillies Mackinnon working with a imperature of 103, the reallife traveller extras being thrown out of pubs and, on a particularly trying day, endless takes of a scene when a horse that was meant to be shot dead kept dying beautifully then leaping to its feet. Throughout the mayhem, Fortune hovered quietly in the background, mother tiger rather than mother hen.

The raw world of travellers seems an unlikely subject for the daughter of the distinguished theatre and film producer, Stuart Burge, "When I was six, my mother [an Ameri-

Emma Fortune's first television drama satirises the blood sports

debate. She talks to Ros Drinkwater

can actress moved us down to the New Forest while my father was directing at Not-tingham Playhouse." Fortune says. "I got involved in the local culture. In body and mind I moved away from my

London theatrical back-ground, and that kind of stayed with me." Forturie made a couple of unscripted film shorts, worked as a BBC floor manager, set up her own company to do music videos with underground bands, and directed an eight-minute epera written by Anthony Minghella. Struck by the power of Billy Roche's Wexford trilogy on stage, she produced the work for BBC TV and then commissioned a feature film

screenplay from Roche, Tro-

jan Eddie. "It deals with hard

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tory, but it makes for a very

born from frustration at writers who took months to deliver work she commissioned, or didn't deliver at all. "Alan Bennett sent a very good halfscript." The BBC turned down her first pitch, for an operaabout "mad cow" disease, but-she had a second idea up her eeve, the story of two childhood friends who had gone separate ways, one an MP with a Private Member's Bill to ban hunting, the other a pro-hunting stable girl. This has become Giving Tongue.

Talike Trojan Edservance of the human condition, Giving Tongue is personal and topical, with one scene set in the rifle range below Parliament. "There were plans to turn it into a crèche," says Fortune, "but the boys won't have it. Despite the gun con-

troversy they're hanging on to their rifle range."

Viewers are left in no doubt as to where Fortune's sympa-thy lies. "But what I hope

comes over is that there is something in hunting that gets Her decision to write was at you when you do it. I bunted deer at eight and it was very alarming because I enjoyed it.
What's interesting is that both the pro-hunting and anti-hunting lobbies are trying to claim the film as theirs. They are going to be horribly disappointed, it shows failings an political level how, if the climate is right, something as unimportant as hunting can create a huge political crisis. because people can't resist the lure of the bandwagon."

Fortune plans to continue writing and producing in tandem. In the pipeline is a new film written by Roche, and a script she is co-writing with her husband, John Fortune, very much in the vein she describes as "pointing out truths that seem so absurd they can't possibly be true but are".

Giving Tongue is on BBC2 on Monday at 9pm

Stricken but still striking

A TUMMY upset threatened Tuesday's revival of Puccini's Turandot, at which Nuccia Focile was making her debut with the company as Liu. Before curtain-rise we were told in more detail than was necessary about the volatile state of Focile's insides, and amidst all the "oohs" and aahs" of sympathy, only the most implacable voice might have been raised inquiring about her cover.

Those who thought her Traviata for the Welsh National one of the most striking even in these Violetta-rich years were awaiting Focile's debut with impatience. In the

Turandot Covent Garden

event, nervousness may have taken some of the bloom off her tone, but could not affect the way she blends pungently delivered words and finely spun musical lines into dramatic entities full of meaning: her big moments in the first and third acts were extremely moving and, given the circumstances, heroic. Her small size is an asset to the role.

She made a telling visual contrast with Sharon Sweet, returning to the title role. Sweet is a big girl and makes a big noise, sustaining tidal waves of succulent sound right through to the Alfano completion. The return of Giuseppe Giacomini, matchless as Calaf nowadays, was equally welcome, and it was good to see a baritone of Peter Coleman-Wright's stature in the crucial role of Ping — he was energetically aided by Robin Leggate and Alasdair Bliott. Wiliard White was the sonorers Timur, and Eddie Wade's crisp Mandarin Some of Daniele Gam's tempos sounded a little slower than those on stage were expecting, but his attention to orchestral detail and his overall seriousness of approach powerfully argue the case for Turandot not as the last 19thcentury opera, rather as one firmly at the centre of the 20th century. Andrei Serban's production is one of the strongest in the company's repertory, and equally up to date. Turniny upsets notwithstanding, a fine revival.

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Basis of reasonable grounds for suspicion

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in order to determine whether reasonable grounds for the sus-picion to justify arrest without warrant existed under section (Zi)(b) of the Prevention of Terror-ism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1994, the test related to what was in the arresting officer's mind when he effected the arrest because he must have formed a genuine suspicion that the person being arrested had been concerned in acts of terrorism.

It had also to be shown that there had been reasonable grounds for forming such a suspicion. The basis of that suspicion was not necessarily the officer's own observations. He could have formed the suspicion from the information he received, whether true or false, and a reasonable man, having regard to all the surrounding circumstances, would also regard that suspicion as reasonable.

lastructions by a superior officer to arrest, without more, was in-sufficient to afford a ground for reasonable suspicion. The arrest-ing officer should be given some basis for such instructions, for example, a report from an

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by the plain-tiff. Gerard O'Hara, from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland (Lord Justice Kelly, Mr Justice Pringle and Mr Justice Higgins) (unreported, May 6, 1994) of his appeal from Mr Justice McCollum (unreported, September 14, 1990) on the ground that the judge was right in holding that the information given at the bristing to Detective Constable

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have occurred after the date of the

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Mr Iam Milligan, QC and Mr

Guy Morpuss for the defendant:

Mr Stuart Isaacs, QC and Mr

LORD JUSTICE POTTER said

that on the application to adduce

further evidence, the plaintiff had

submitted that the defendant had

to establish the three conditions propounded in Ladd v Marshall [1954] I WLR 1489: (i) the evidence

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Philip Newman for the plaintiff.

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In the plaintiff's action against the respondent, the Chief Con-stable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary claiming, inter alia, damages for unlawful arrest and consequent false imprisonment, Mr Justice McCollum had held that as a result of the information given to DC Suwart, he had reasonable grounds for suspecting that the plaintiff had been con-cerned in the commission, preparation or insugation of acts of

Section 12 of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1984 provides:

"(I) Subject to subsection (2) below, a constable may arrest without warrant a person whom which this Part of this Act

The 1984 Act expired on March 21, 1989 and was replaced by the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989, the provisions of section 12(1) being in section 14(1) of the 1989 Act.

Mr Hugh P. Kennedy, QC and Mr Barry MacDonald, both of the Northern, Ireland Bar, for the plaintiff; Mr Patrick Coghlin, QC and Mr Piers Grant, both of the Northern Ireland Bar, for the chief

LORD STEYN, agreeing with Lord Hope, added that given the independent responsibility and accountability of a constable under a provision such as section 12(1), it arresting officer had been in-

all cases, and in particular in the case of a delendant applying to

adduce further evidence in support

of a plea of fraud following an

It was the defendant's sub-nission that, while in such a case a

cial grounds as required by Order

54, rule 10(2), the criterion by

which such grounds should be measured should be one more

dexible than was to be found in a

rigid application of the Ladd v Marshall formule.

In his Lordship's judgment, that

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The plaintiff relied upon the

maxim "interest reipublicae ut sit finis lithum" fit is a matter of public

concern that lawsuits are not protracted as the principle under-

It urged that there was no reason

why evidence in support of a plea

of fraud should not be treated in

the same way as that relevant to any other defence potentially open

to a defendant, and that in such a case the defendant's remedy, if

any, would properly lie in an

action to set aside the judgment as

That did not seem to his Lord-

ship a sufficient and sensible

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though a hearing on the merits for the purposes of Order 59, rule 10(2), was none the less an inter-

locutory judgment in an examt action. Far from fulfilling the

maxim relied on, the course sug-

gested would tend to proliferate linguism rather than reduce it.

course both more just and more efficacious than requiring the

defendant to choose between

launching a fresh action to set

aside the judgment or suffering a permanent sense of injustice.

The Master of the Rolls and

Solicizors: Waltons & Morse;

of the summary judgment

Lord Justice Millett agreed,

In such a case, the setting aside

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Zincroft Civil Engineering formula was indeed definitive in Lad v Sphere Drake Insur- all cases, and in particular in the

for the necessary suspicion within the meaning of the subsection. In practice a constable must be given some basis for request to arrest somebody under such a provision. for example, a report from an

LORD HOPE said that at about 6.15am on December 28, 1985 notice officers entered the plaintiff's house at 72 Duncreggan Road, Londonderry, and con-ducted a search of the premises. At the conclusion of the search, at about 8.05am, they arrested the plaintiff under section 12(1)(b) of the 1984 Act. They took him to Castleragh Police Office, where the police questioned him in a

On December 29 an order was made by the secretary of state under section 12(4) of the 1984 Act extending the period of 48 hours provided by that subsection by five provided by that subsection by five days. On January 13, 1986 the plaintiff: was released without being charged either then or subsequently with any offene. Later that year he brought an action for damages against the chief constable.

At the trial, the arresting officer, DC Stewart, said in his evidence that at 5.30am on December 28 he attended a briefing at Strand Road Police Station. The purpose of the briefing was to mount an opera-tion to search houses and to arrest a number of people in connection with the murder of Kurt Koenig about two months previously. It was common ground that the murder of Koenig, which had been committed in Lodonderry in November 1985, was an act of terrorism within the meaning of

The briefing was conducted by Inspector Brown and it was at-tended by a number of other police officers. The purpose of the search was to look for weatoons or other

. It was important to observe that the position of the arresting officer was not simply that he had been told to arrest the plaintiff. Nor was it that he had simply been told that the plaintiff had been concerned in the commission, preparation or

His position, as stated by him in evidence, was that he suspected the plaintiff of having been concerned in such acts, and that his suspicion was based on the briefing which had been given to him by his superior officer. The judge accepted the arresting officer's evidence on both points.

The question was whether the judge was entitled also to hold that the arresting officer had reason-able grounds for this suspicion, as the only evidence about those grounds was what the officer

The test which section 12(1) laid down was a simple one. It related entirely to what was in the mind of the arresting officer when the power was exercised. In part that was a subjective set, because he must have formed a genuine suspicion in his own mind that the person had been concerned in acre of terrorism.

In part also it was an objective one, because there must also be reasonable grounds for the sus-picion which he had formed. But the application of the objective test did not require the court to look beyond what was in the mind of the arresting officer.
It was the grounds which were

in his mind at the time which must be found to be reasonable grounds for the suspicion which he had formed. All that the objective test required was that those grounds be examined objectively and that they be judged at the time when the nower was exercised.

That meant that the point did not depend on whether the arrest-ing officer himself thought at that time that they were reasonable. The question was whether a

opinion, having regard to the information which was in the mind of the arresting officer it was the arresting officer's own account of the information which he had that mattered, not what was observed by or known to anyone else.

The information acted on by the arresting officer need not be based on his own observations, as he was entitled to form a suspicion based on what he had been told. His reasonable suspicion might be based on information which had been given to him anonymously or it might be based on information. perhaps in the course of an emergency, which rurned out later to be wrong.

it was not necessary to go on to prove what was known to his informant or that any facts on which he based his suspicion were in fact true. The question whether it provided reasonable grounds for the suspicion depended on the source of his information and its context seen in the light of the context, seen in the light of the whole surrounding circumstances

What Parliament had eracted in section 12(1) of the 1984 Act was that ble suspicion had to be in the mind of the arresting officer. So it was the facts known by or the information given to the officer who effected the arrest or detention to which the mind of the independent observer must be applied

It was that objective test, apply ing the criterion of what mi regarded as reasonable, which provided the safeguard against arbitrary arrest and detention. The arrest and detention would be unlawful unless that criterion was satisfied. Neither the judge nor the Court of Appeal misdirected themselves as to the test to be applied. Lord Golf, Lord Mustili and

Lord Hoffmann agreed. Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co for Denis E. Mullan, London-

Pleading fraud to set Object of safety at work Act is

Estates Ltd

Fudgment November 27 Section 2 of the Health and Safety

Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an appeal by Canter-bury City Council against a de-cision of the Ashford Industrial Tribunal on January 29, 1996 to allow the appeal of Howletts and Port Lympne Estates Ltd, the operator of Howletts Zoo in

chided from using it to set aside the

"(2) ... the matters to which that duty extends include in particular

That practice had many pur-

based on respect for the personal-nies of animals rather than treat-ing them as exhibits. Keepers at no were not required to bond with the tigers and not all keepers were permitted to do so.

position was that since the Act was concerned with the result to be achieved, videlicet the safety of Since the tribunal had not made ribunal to have found that there

enclosure as they old. The respondent said that the appellant's argument ignored the ethos of what Howletts was trying

there were two questions which

First what was the essential

The object of the Act was not to dictate what husiness the employer His Lordship considered pas-

and said that there was embedded although in the ordinary way a dangerous piece of machinery had to be securely lenced, there might be circumstances concerned with the particular task that the em ployer or employee was doing which made it necessary that the activity, which would by any dangerous, might nevertheless have legitimacy which justified it but which would otherwise have laid the employer open to proceed-ings for the breach of his statutory

In his Lordship's judgment it was impossible to conceive in the stances that the Act could have intended to outlaw certain activities merely on the basis that they were dangerous.

In the result the construction of the Act for which the respondent contended was plainly correct. The proper interpretation of Part I of the Act had to be that it was concerned with the requirements an employer had to take to see that his employees were safe in the work which it was the employer's business to carry out.

The Act was not seeking to legislate as to what work could or could not be performed but was properly concerned with the mannet of its doing. Solichors: Mr P. Wilson-Sharp, Canterbury; S. J. Berwin & Co.

Domestic law cannot override Convention out on July 30, 1993, seeking, inter

plaintiffs had no rights save under

interlocutor dated December 20,

1993 of Lord Ordinary, Lord

Marrioch, refused the motion and

The court held that, bearing in

on and its negotiating

mind the purposes of the Warsaw

history, the Convention should be

construed as being exclusive of all

common law claims arising from ternational carriage by air.

On the pursuer raising her action in the Court of Session in

Scotland claiming damages for delay under article 19 of the

Convention and, alternatively, at common law for breach of an implied condition of the contract

that British Airways would take

reasonable care for her safety, the

Lord Ordinary, on the procedure roll, dismissed the action. He

decided, inter alia, that the pursu-

er's claim for damages for delay was irrelevant and that the War-

saw Convention excluded recourse

to any common law remedy by

appeals were heard together.
Article 17 of the Convention

provides: "The carrier is liable for

damage so suspained took place on

board the aircraft or in the course

of any of the operations of embark-

Article 18 provides for carrier's

liability for damage to the reg-istered baggage and article 19 covers damages for delay. Article 24 provides: "(1) In the

cases covered by articles 18 and 19

any action for damages, however founded, can only be brought

subject to the conditions and limits

English appeal: Mr Clive Nicholis, QC and Mr Tim Kerr for the plaintiffs; Mr Robert Webb, QC and Mr Philip Shepherd for

LORD HOPE said that the

carrier for loss, injury and damage sugrained in the course of, or

arising out of international car-

In both cases claims were made against British Airways by pas-sengers who had been travelling

on a scheduled international flight

from the United Kingdom to

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set out in the Convention."

British Airways.

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mage sustained in the event of the death or wounding of a passenger or any other bodily injury suffered by a passenger, if the accident which caused the

Both the English and Scottish

thered to the interlocutor.

Sidhu and Others v British Airways plc Abnett (known as Sykes) v

Secre Before Land Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle. Lord Mustill, Lord Steyn and Lord Hope of Craighead [Speeches December 12]

The Warsaw Convention, as amended at The Hague 1955, contained in Schedule 1 to the Carriage by Air Act 1961, as a whole, and not the 1961 Act had to be given a purposive construction,
Thus the Convention provided a
partial but comprehensive
harmonisation only of the rules
relating to international carriage

by air and reflected an importan concession by carriers in that they surrendered their freedom of contract at a time when they were able to enter into contracts in any terms

In return they were offered a compromise, contained in article 24 of the Convention, that in the cases covered by articles 17, 18 and 19 actions for damages, however founded, could only be brought subject to the condutions and limits set by the Convention.

Thus, all the claims other than those for damage to the registered baggage under article 18 and for delay under article 19 were covered by those provisions.

The purpose of the provisions was to ensure that the carrier's liability was only subject to the Convention and the passenger had no access to any other remedies, whether under the common law or otherwise, available in the country where he chose to bring the action. To permit exceptions, which

enabled a passenger to sue outwith the Convention for losses sustained in the course of international carriage by air, would distort the whole system. is the interest of uniformity of

treatment and of certainty, article 28 restricted the places where an action could be brought and article 29 extinguished the right to damages where the action was brought after two years and, where the Convention had not provided a remedy, no remedy was available. The House of Lords so held

I Dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Miss Kiran Sidhu, Miss Harjinder Sidhu and Mr Rayinder Sidhu, from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal in England (Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Swin-ton Thomas and Lord Justice Otton) (unreported, January 27, 1995, CA (Civ Div) Transcript No 107 of 1995) of an appeal by the plaintiffs from the disraissal of their action against Bridsh Air-ways pic, on February 28, 1994 by ge Marcus Edwards at Breniford County Court.

Scottish appeal: Mr C. N. McEachran. QC and Mr Peter The court decided that article 17 of the Warsaw Convention pro-Macdonald, both of the Scots Bar, a passenger claiming to have suffered personal injuries arising Emslie, OC and Mrs M. L. B. G. Glimore, both of the Scots Bar, for from an international flight was British Airways. Convention contained an exclusive question in both appeals was and exhaustive code governing whether the Warsaw Convention such actions and excluded action provided the exclusive cause o action and sole remedy for a

plaintiff to seek medical advice if the assessment revealed a medical

Those features reveal a relation-

ship of sufficient proximity. His Lordship considered whether in all

the circumstances it was fair, just

and reasonable for a duty to be

It was argued that it would not

be fair just and reasonable because

there was a conflict between the

discharge of the delendant's duty

The defendant's duty to the

company was to take reasonable care in carrying out the assessment, in eliciting the material information from the plaintiff, in

interpreting the test results and in arriving at a judgment as to whether or not to recommend the

There was no conflict inconsis-

tent with the imposition of a duty

of care, nor other factors that

plaintiff for employment.

mpany and any duty to the

refuelling on August 2, about five hours after Iraqi forces had begun alia, damages for negligence and personal injuries suffered by them was dismissed by Judge Marcus Edwards who decided that the ment of the Gulf War.

all taken prisoner by the Iraqis. They were detained initially at the Convention and that even if they had, such rights were Kuwaii airport, then at Kuwaii city and thereafter in Baghdad. The extinguished two years after August 2, 1990 by article 29.
2 Dismissing an appeal by the pursuer. Mrs Judith Helen Abnett appellants, who were subsequently released and returned to the United Kingdom, claimed damages against British Airways for the (known as Sykes), from the inter-locutors of an Extra Division of the nsequences of their captivity. Inner House of the Court of Session in Scotland (Lord Allanbridge, Lord Mayfield and Lord Clyde) (The Times June 22, 1995; 1996 SLT 529), whereby the court, having considered the pursuer's motion for review of the Although there were some dif-

ferences of detail between the two actions, the pursuer claimed only psychological injury, while the plaintiffs claimed also for bodily injury and loss of baggage, and the pursuer's claim was for breach of contract while the plaintiffs' claim was in negligence, the issue of law which arose in both of the appeals was the same.

The passengers and crew were

raised in the instant cases was to be found in the objects and structure of the Convention. The language used and the subject matter with which it dealt dembe achieved was a uniform international code, which could be applied by the courts of the contracting parties without reference to the rules of their own

domestic law. in the areas with which the Convention dealt, and the liability of the carrier was one of them, the code was intended to be uniform and to be exclusive also of any

resort to the rules of domestic law Any person was free, unless restrained by statute, to enter into a contract with another on the basis that his liability in damages was excluded or limited if he was in breach of contract. Exclusion common feature of commercial contracts and contracts of carriogs were no exception.

It was against that background, rather than a desire to provide remedies to enable all losses to be compensated, that the Convention

It was not designed to provide remedies against the carrier to enable all losses to be compensated. It was designed instead to define those situations in which compensation was to be available. So it set out the limits of liability and the conditions under which claims to establish that liability, if

balance was struck in the interests of certainty and uniformity. The conclusion must be, therefore, that any remedy was ex-cluded by the Convention, as the set of uniform rules did not provide for it. The domestic courts were not

free to provide a remedy according to their own law, because to do that would be 10 undermi setting alongside the Convention of an entirely different set of rules which would distort the operation of the whole scheme. There was no escape from the

conclusion that, where the Conven-tion had not provided a remedy, no remedy was available. Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord

Jauncey, Lord Mustill and Lord Steyn agreed. Solicitors: English appeal: Raja

& Partners, Southall; Beaumont &

Son for Shepherd & Wedderburn, WS, Edinburgh.

Scortish appeal: Pattinson & WS, Edinburgh for Frank Lefevre Practice. Aberdeen: Beaumont &

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Before Mr Justice Turner

at Work etc Act 1974 did not legislate as to what work could or could not be performed but was properly concerned with the man-ner of its doing. Mr Justice Turner to held by the

The respondents had been

served a prohibition notice under section 22 of the 1974 Acr after an by a tiger whose enclosure he had Section 2 of the 1974 Act

"(1) It shall be the duty of every employer to ensure, so far as is resonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare at work of all of

-- (a) the provision and mainte nance of plant and systems of work that are, so far as is reason practicable, sale and without risks to health. . .

Mr Hugh Carilsie, QC and Mr Murk Bishop for the appellant; Mr John Taylor, QC and Mr Robert Pookes for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE TURNER said that the tribunal had found that Howletts, which operated a programme of breeding endangered species and release into the wild, had the unique practice of social contact between animals and

poses including stimulation for the animals and assisting in moving the animals without the use of anaesthetic or other physical re-straints which could induce panic

The approach of the 200 was

The tribunal also found that contact sessions with tigers pre-

appellant submitted that The

section 2 imposed an absolute duty on the employer. There was never a need for any keeper, the appel-lant said, to enter the enclosure in which digers were freely rounding; everything which needed to be done within the enclosure could be performed with the animal confined to another part of the The rationale of the appellant's

workers, that was something which was incapable of achievepermitted to enter enclosures in any express finding that it was necessary for the work to be done in the way in which the respondents did, it was not open to the was any advantage, let alone a need, for keepers to enter the

to achieve and in particular the underlying purpose of bonding. Bonding could not be achieved unless à keeper entered an enclo sure in which a tiger was freely

The respondent submitted that had to be considered:

nature of the undertaking and the operating practice of the business and second, having regard to that essential nature and operating pratice, had the section 2 duty be met within the meaning of the oracticable**

Was to carry out but was that the provisions of the Act should be applied to the business which the employer was in fact conducting. sages from Coltness Iron Co v Sharp (1938) AC 90, 93 and 99)

rithin them the concept that

Doctor's duty of care to job applicant

Baker v Kaye Before Mr Robert M. Owen, QC Hudgment December 6

Where a doctor was retained by a company for the purpose of examining a potential employee for his medical fitness to do a job, the doctor owed a duty of care to the potential employee in carrying out his examination and in interpreting the results of that examina-tion when reporting to the

Mr Robert M. Owen, QC, sitting as deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in dismissing proceedings brought by Peter ter for negligence against Dr Georges Kave.

Mr John Bowers for the plaintiff: Mr Robert Seabrook QC and Miss Sally Smith for the HIS LORDSHIP said it was clear that economic loss was a foreseeable consequence of the breach of the duty. The plaintiff's

employment depended solely on the assessment. The plaintiff had agreed to provide detailed information about his state of nilitated against its imposition.

The plaintiff had failed to show that there was any breach of duty. Solicitors: Graham Harvey: Le Relevance of continued denial of guilt for Parole Board

amplify his reasoning set out in the decision, those decisions lay uneasily with other decisions in the field

be adopted in relation to the admission of evidence sought to explain reasoning in the decisionmaking process of the Parole Board in cases such as the present. Accordingly, where evidence was profiered to elucidate, correct or add to the reasons contained in the decision letter, a court should examine the proffered evidence with care and should only act upon

it with caution.

In particular, a court should not substitute the reasons contained in proffered evidence for the reasons advanced in a decision letter. To do so would raise the perception, if not the reality, of sub-sequent rationalisation of a

decision that had not been proprly considered at the time. But, given the limited extent to which such evidence was likely to be acted upon by a court, a senior civil servent should be permitted to give such evidence provided al-ways that the source of his know-ledge and belief was clearly stated in his affidavit

Solicitors: Burroughs, Maidstone and Berry & Berry. Tonbridge, Treasury Solicitor.

demonstrated by his conduct in in each case the extent to which, if prison that such risk had been at all, that factor should influence Regina v. Secretary of State inform the prisoner why parole had not been recommended. for the Home Department A court should examine with reduced to an acceptable level, a and Another, Ex parte recommendation for parole was There was no statutory obligacare evidence proffered to eluunlikely to be made. tion upon the board to give reasons cidate, correct or add to reasons Part of the conduct which the Regina v Same and Another. contained in the decision letter and for its decision. However, the Ex parte Powell . only act upon it with caution. It should not substitute the

for the reasons in the decision The Queen's Bench Divisional for judicial review by Martin

reasons in the profferred evidence

Court so held in a reserved judgment, dismissing applications Lillycrop and Andrew Jon Scott. and granting Ronald George Powell's application for judicial review against decisions of the Parole Board refusing to recommend each of the long-term prisoners for release under section 35 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, and against the refusal of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to authorise parole.

Mr James Turner for the applicanus; Mr Steven Kovats for the secretary of state and the Parole

MR JUSTICE BUTTERFIELD. delivering the judgment of the court, said that where the pattern of offending behaviour was such that there was a significant risk of a further offence being committed perticularly of a violent or sexual nature, and an applicant had not

board would inevitably and rightly look at would be the extent to which an applicant had examined the behaviour which led to his Where because of denial of guilt

no such examination had taken place it would be more difficult for an applicant to satisfy the board that the risk he posed when he was sentenced had been reduced to an acceptable level. Each case turned on its own For the reasons set out in R v.

For the reasons set out in R v. Secretary of State for the Home Department. Ex parte Zulfikar (The Times July 26, 1995) with which their Lordships agreed, it was an impermissible approach for the board to say in respect of an This man denies his guilt; therefore, without considering the

circumstances further, we will not

However, a denial of guilt

coupled with an unwillingness to address offending behaviour was a

factor to which the board had to

have regard in assessing the risk to the public of further offending.

It was for the board to determine

recommend parole."

Parole Board Rules 1992 (Home Office Circular 85/1992) provided for the issue of a refusal note where a prisoner had not been granted

The demands of natural justice and fairness demanded such disclosure. The decision letter should contain a succinct and accurate summary of the reasons eading to the decision reached, The purpose of the reasons was to tell the prisoner in broad terms why parole had not been

The reasons had to be such that the prisoner would know why a decision unfavourable to him had been reached. However, the whole of the board's reasoning process need not be set out. The secretary of state and the hoard sought to rely upon affidavits sworn by a senior executive officer seconded to the board, to

the applicants. Two objections were raised in respect of that evidence. First, it was submitted that the affidavits

expand upon and explain the

reasoning processes of the board in each of the decisions challenged by

because the officer was not present and second, that it was inappro-R v Westminster City Council. Ex parte Ermakov (1996) 2 All ER priate to seek to supplement decision letters by such evidence because of the risk of ex post facto 302), set out the proper approach to

There was clear judicial precedent for the admission of and eliance on such evidence by the court in similar circumstances; see R v Parole Board. Ex parte Gittens (The Times February 3, 1994) where Lord Justice Ralph Gibson "I see no general objection to the

rationalisation.

provision by an affidavit from an official of the Parole Board, in order to prove the reasons for a questioned decision, providing that the rules relating to an affidavir based upon information and belief are property followed ... Where, however, an affidavit is appropriately prepared upon information and belief it is, of course, essential that the sources

belief be stated. A similar situation was considered in R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Zulfikar (No 2) (unreported, May

and grounds of information and

As to the objection that in principle it was wrong for the decision maker to be allowed to

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the continuing saga of the college

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elen Chandler told Wrexham magistrates last week that six peopub in the Welsh borders depended on her receiving a drinks licence. The court granted a temporary order to her pub manager after she explained she had been ill because of an extraordinary set of circumstances that had caused difficulties". Staff at Stoke-on-Trent College, Staffordshire — where Mrs Chan-dler is an assistant director, and her co-director at the pub. Neil Preston, is principal, and which has just announced 190 redundancies — feel her comments have added insult to injury. The redundancies come after news that the college will have to cut £8 million because its past two years' budgets have been based on vastly inflated

student numbers. Mrs Chandler has been absent from the college on paid sick leave since September, as has Mr Pres-ton. Last month The Times traced the pair to the Dymock Arms, in Penley, Wrexham, which they started to renovate on their arrival this summer and had been helping to run, to the surprise of their 1,500 staff at Stoke.

They have not been seen at the oak-beamed pub since the disclosure but a clearer picture has emerged of Stoke's descent into financial crisis. At the heart seems to lie a lack of accountability at the most senior level of the kind that further education colleges last year pletiged to Lord Nolan's inquiry into standards in public life that they would strive to overcome.

After Mr Preston's appointment three years ago, Stoke-on-Trent College, with 21,000 students, grew to become the eighth-largest in the country. Such was his expansionist vision that last year he announced plans for a £20 million third campus. But student numbers had

been overestimated by 20 per cent.

Mr Preston was recruited from

Amersham and Wycombe College. Buckinghamshire, where one of his last acts was to appoint Mrs Chandler, his vice-principal, as is refused to extend his appointment. acting principal. She joined Stoke as marketing manager in June 1994. The pair were later to announce to Stoke's governing board that they had left their spouses and were having a relationship.

The board saw no reason for alarm because the situation had been made clear. What governors did not know was that Mr Preston and Mrs Chandler became directors of a company called The Pub Doctor Limited on September 26 last year. The Pub Doctor bought the Dymock Arms this August. The college has not been able to answer



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Neil Preston, top left, Helen Chandler and the Dymock Arms. Below, protesting students at the college

whether this was known or sanctioned by governors at any stage. As at other further education colleges, such as Derby Wilmorton, overtaken by scandal since they all became independent from local authorities in 1992, it was a staff protest that eventually prompted governors to investigate.

Disquiet at Stoke culminated in two staff surveys. In July, more than 120 lecturers in the Natihe union complained that Mr Preston's style was "dictatorial and bul-lying". George Mardle, the chair-man of governors, called the survey "spurious". He resigned on September 20 after fellow governors

went off sick on September 25 and 24 respectively, on the eve of a Unison survey showing that 97 per cent of staff lacked confidence in management. A week later the governors set up an inquiry, which later became a special committee to consider the dismissal of senior staff.

The extracurricular activities of the two senior managers are now seen as a sideshow in the tragedy that has befallen the college. However, governors find themseives handling a major disciplinary investigation at the same time as preparing a recovery plan for the Fur-

ther Education Funding Council. Mr Preston and Mrs Chandler obtained a High Court injunction on November 19, halting the special committee. This was overfurned at the college's request on November 25, but delayed the committee's

report, due on November 29, until

next week. The funding council yesterday confirmed that it had ordered the college to repay £3.5 million from last year and would be giving it £2.8 million less than it bud-geted for this year. It said the college was sup-.. posed to submit last year's student numbers failed to do so until

March. The figure was

so unexpectedly low the college exercised its right to recalculate it and brought in a new system to start the process anew. A funding council spokeswoman said: "The college did not know early enough it was undershooting its recruitment targets. The college chose to resubmit its data, which

we often allow. It was confident

that its system was wrong and the

students were there, but the new

figures showed it was still 18 per

cent under. What is exceptional about this situation is that the management of the college did not react quickly enough."

Two years' budgets were worked out on the inflated figures. The funding council could only wait for it to supply correct numbers, but made its view on Mr Preston's

plans clear. The spokeswoman said: "We have never been convinced that the college needed a third campus." The college has now dropped its expansion plan. At Derby Wilmorton

College, employees were shut out from IIIadvised financial decisions. Michael Shattock, author of the official report on the college, saw parallels in the Stoke debacle, "Clearly," he said, "the governance structures at Stoke simply have not

worked. If senior staff are allowed to run a pub somewhere and if they count a phantom student body, the accountability lines through the college must be very insecure." He questioned whether part of the problem was "governors who

don't ask questions, are pleased to

be invited on to a board and simply

think the dynamic principal should be supported. He recommended that every college have an effective secretary, registrar and audit procedure to ensure that real questions are asked and accurate student numbers produced.

Main picture: John Barthok

Mr Shattock shared the funding council view that problems such as those at Stoke and Derby were not endemic among the 449 colleges, which have had to cope with enormous pressures both to expand and cut costs. That leaves little Christmas cheer for staff at Stoke and a meeting on Monday called on the funding council to arrange repayment terms that would re-duce the need for redundancies.

However, the season of goodwill prompted one employee to write to the Stoke Sentinel on Tuesday commiserating with Mrs Chandler over the six jobs dependent on her pub venture.

"I am sure," he wrote, "that the 200 people facing redundancy at the college would all willingly put their hands in their pockets for a whipround if these unfortunate people were to lose their jobs as a result of Mrs Chandler not being granted a licence. Perhaps in turn Mrs Chandler and Mr Preston will dip into their own pockets for a whip-round

Beware this state control

James Tooley sees dangers behind

an attempt to raise 'standards'

judgments

on subjects

overs of liberty should be wary of the Standards A Over Time report and Gillian Shephard's associated recommendations. Of course, the concerns that prompted the report needed investigation. Each year, there has been an inexorable rise in the percentage of young people passing at A level and GCSE. Is this because candidates are brighter, more diligent, or are standards simply declining? But the report shows the Gov-

ernment is exploiting an ambiguity in the notion of "standards" to extend its control over the curriculum in the sixth form, through the back door. Moreover, there is a danger of the "nationalisation" of the examination boards, again under the smokescreen of concern for standards.

The two distinct meanings of standards" are clear: the "grade standard" checks whether particular topics are assessed and marked in the same ways over the years. The "examination de-

mand" asks whether topics in the syllabus are more or less demanding. To ascertain "grade stan-dards" clearly needs candidate scripts, to see how lenient or otherwise examiners have been, as well as mark schemes and examination papers. However, the examining boards were either

unable or unwilling (we have only each exam board's word that scripts were unavailable) to find enough scripts on which to make meaningful comparisons. For example, no coursework was available at all, from any year. At A level, no scripts were available from 1975, one (out of four) of the boards had none for 1985 and the others had fewer than ten each for each subject/grade.

This unavailability of archival material is scandalous. How could bodies entrusted with maintaining standards be so cavaller with the evidence? So whether grade standards have declined or not is impossible to ascertain, and the Standards over Time report rightly hedges its bets here, while making the sensible recommendation that a national archive be established to facilitate future comparisons.

However, on the "examination demand" standard, the report is more adventurous. Here we see the undesirable introduction of extension of control over the curriculum at sixth-form level. Though it seems that the report is simply pointing out the "more demanding" aspects of the curriculum that have been left out

over the years, resulting in a

"lowering of standards", it is in fact making value judgments about what should and should not be in the curriculum. For example, in maths, the "co-

ordinate geometry of conic sections" has been abandoned. This was a difficult part of the curriculum, so presumably its omission would make standards lower. However, algebra is also being increasingly marginalised, which lowers standards, so recommendations are given to reinforce its place in the curriculum. At English A level, students can virtually avoid anything but 20th-century nov-els. This lowers standards, they say, because Chaucer and Milton were hard. This is bad, so these authors should be reintroduced.

In both cases, the issue is that the Government previously tacked control over the curriculum at sixth-form level, and is seeking to introduce this, through concern over standards.

The danger is that a future Chief Inspector of Schools may want to impose anti-educational pro-posals, and could use The report is making the precedent.

The second danger of the Standards over Time recommendations is the proposed tightening-up of exam boards. It is argued that schools "shopping around" for easier ex-

aminations so they can score higher in the league tables. It is not, however, clear that this happens. If teachers can find those ensier boards and syllabuses, it is also easy for employers' associa-tions and universities, and hence common knowledge that sylla-bus X from Board A is easier than others. But surely the objection is that some syllabuses are not of A-level standard.

This brings us to a less dangerous solution than reducing the number of examination boards, already only four, presumably to be reduced to one (hence nationalised) or two. The boards must be regulated, by Ofsted, to ensure that they offer only syllabuses which meet the required standards of A level.

All that is needed is for any Alevel syllabus to be registered as being of A-level standard. Schools should be able to shop around for their most suitable option, choosing from a diversity of exam boards rather than from a state monolith.

We must not allow the Government to grab control of the curriculum at A level nor allow this isation of exam boards. Education is aiready too politicised.

Christmas story's new look | How to resist the

Hugh Thompson sees new ways

of acting out the Nativity

we hear of the end of the nativity play. The tabloid newspapers have a field day as a council or school in a culturally mixed inner-city area drops the time-honoured ritual for being irrelevant or out of date. But while the tabloids may like sensational stories, Alison Seaman, the deputy director of the National Society (for the Promotion of Religious Education) spends her life visiting schools nationally.

She says: "There may be a few schools who because of their multicultural pupils feel

it is not appropri-ate to celebrate Christmas every year, but generally our experience is that the nativity play is not only widespread but is growing with a new lease of life and popularity. This is because more schools are looking at the story from a different

angle and acting stories, which contain the teachers, bringing all the same message but with a

slightly different focus." Typical of this trend was the performance this week by the infants (four to seven-year-olds) at St Michael's in Southfields, Putney, south-west London. The 135 children sang, acted, read and costumed their way through a story, which told of the bossy Christmas tree fairy who wouldn't let certain of last year's decorations be on the tree because they did not meet her idea of perfection. She even turned down the nativity

figures because they were so tattered and torn.

When it was pointed out by the children that they were the most important part of the Christmas scene, and that the discarded decorations were also a valuable part of the Christmas picture, the fairy left the stage. But one of the shepherds brought her back. David Kempster, the head of infants, says: "We did the Nativity the same way for 20 years and in the end not only do the children get a bit bored

doing the same performance every year but so do the teachers. They have a lot of enthusiasm and ideas, and doing a "We do the different play around the same theme keeps it

fresh and exciting. For infants, the nativity play domi-nates the Christbecause it mas term with its is Jesus's rehearsals, costume fitting, learnbirthday' ing of lines and the series of perfor-mances. For the

> pieces together so they are right on the night" can "be something of a nightmare", as the acting head Connie Cooling says. Educationally and socially, the performance, with its reading, music, team-work and confidence building aspects, is considered a cen-

tral experience. The head of music, Sheila Johnson, whose choirs have achieved an impressive local reputation, says. Bringing everything together into the performance is rather special. And the children are far more those schools who didn't do a



Bossy fairy Clare Morton says the characters are important

likely to remember the central message, the story, if they have acted it out rather than passively learnt it in class."

But what of the children? Clare Morton, six, was the impressive bossy fairy. She says. "I want everything to be perfect and I think that I am important, but it is the characters from the Nativity who are the most important. We have Christmas only because that is when Jesus was born." Oliver Beatson, who is in

the same class, felt sorry for

nativity play. "It's a treat for the mums and dads and also reminds us all of the meaning of Christmas." However, some of the younger ones had become a little confused. Genevieve Barratt, five,

who played a fairy-light, says: I don't think Mary and Joseph are very important, they come on only at the end and they do not sing or say anything." But her friend. George Steer, who played a wise king, says: "We do the play and have Christmas only because it is Jesus's birthday."

copycat syndrome Chris Barton advises against

the temptations of plagiarism

modular courses, Christ-mas is a crunch time: deadlines loom for the first counts towards a degree. All over the country, lecturers will be warning their students not to ruin their lives by succumbing to the temptation of

At school, it was "copying off" your classmates rather than from published scholarship. There was one technique for tests and another for homework. In tests, guilty eyes would swivel to the next desk, where the received defence was to wrap a spare upper limb around the coveted opus, shooting back suspicious glances the while. For the virtuous, this was mere affectation, the better to demonstrate their own honesty. So, also for the thick, wishing to appear otherwise. Homework - "prep" at my school might be shared with a friend, or extracted from fellow scholars of greater intellectual, but lesser physical, ability.

Now the homework of schooldays has become the continuous assessment of higher education. Demonised at GCSE level as being done by parents, the HE version cheerfully allows students to pay an impecunious academic at (one hopes) another university to do the job.

As officer-in-charge Night School, I have been explaining the meaning of plaggers, a to blank-faced acolytes. It is probably easier to explain the meaning of life. The purpose,

n the brave new world of of course, is not so much to save them from dishonour as to cover my back, come the inevitable appeal. The schooldays analogy works OK for "copying", but what constitutes illicit reworkings of the published word is a bit trickier. While I was sitting in on a hearing the other day, and a colleague was substanti ating the charge to a half-taking-it-in shattered young life, it seemed more sensible to advise them how not to plagiarise, or at least how not to be guilty of it. We can't all be Socrateses, making it up

n admiring, upfront recognition lets you rip off the rest of the work without fear of objection (at least, no fear of the grateful originator). So kick off with a big, scrupulously acknowledged quote in indented italics "definitive source seminal only place to start". Do not merely slip it into the bibliography, al-

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Golota presents tough challenge to establishment

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN ATLANTIC CITY

ANDREW GOLOTA could upset the plans of the estabbeats Riddick Bowe at the Convention Center here tomorrow. Golota was one of a younger group of heavyweights who was supposed to take over from the men at the top at present in two or three years' time, but he jumped ahead of the pack by surprising Bowe last July. He was on the point of knocking out the American in the seventh round of their contest at Madison Square Garden when he was disqualified for a low blow, his fourth of the

Now that he has sprung into prominence as a result of that performance, and the riot that immediately followed it which, in turn, gave Golota worldwide publicity — everyone is asking if he can go all

Quite apart from how he fares against Bowe, he looks the best of those coming through the heavyweight ranks and so, in time, he could become the first white world heavyweight champion since Gerrie Coetzee, of South Africa. The 28-year-old Pole may not be as clever and skilful as the young black heavy-weights, but Golota's robust style more than compensates for technical deficiencies and equips him to challenge at the highest level.

Golota sometimes looks like Drago, the Russian in Rocky IV. and sometimes (when he wears a baseball cap) reminds you of Joe Bugner, but he has more substance than the two of them put together and is the kind of tough customer most leading heavyweights would like to avoid — especially after what he did to Bowe, Danell Nichalson, the promising young star of Emanuel Stew ard, and Samson Po'Uha. Golota stopped Nicholson, but not before stunning him with a head-butt he could not control: Po'Uha, who is believed to have one of the hardest punches in the division, was sent to the floor five times, but not before Golota had bitten him in the neck.

Bowe bout, he had his head slashed by a mobile tele-phone. He made light of the 13 stitches that he received and, while he was being escorted to his hotel, he was still so full of devilment that he stole the accompanying police officer's

Golota's matchmaker, Carl Moretti, said: "I had the feeling that he had been in a police wagon before. He jumped in and said: 'I got the window.' When we were walking to the hotel room, he says



'He could become the next white world heavyweight champion'

to me. 'Look' and opens his jacket and shows me the night stick. He gave it back to the cop he took it from. The cop signed it and gave it back to

Once crossed, Golota has no time for niceties. On one occasion, when a man ripped his shirt in a bar in Warsaw, Colors set about him, strip ping him of all his clothes and dumping them in the garbage outside the club before walk ing off.

In the gym, he reverts to his gentle giant side, his surly face

breaking into quick little smiles as he relates his escapades. When asked why he threw those low punches at Bowe, he replied with disarming candour: "Sometimes you have to protect yourself [from the rabbit punches Bowe was landingl."

However, his trainers, Lou Duva and Roger Bloodworth, are now concentrating on getting Golota to keep his punches up. He has been training with Derek Williams, the former Commonwealth heavyweight champion from south London, who said: "First week, he kept hitting me low. This is the fifth week, I think he is getting over it. He is very agile, strong and seems to have a good chin."

For all his rough-housing ways, Golota has a distinguished amateur record. Such heavy-handed tactics would not have been tolerated by the amateurs and he would not have picked up so many medals. Born in Warsaw, Golota started boxing at the age of 13. He won the Polish national title seven times, a silver medal in the world junior championships, a bronze and a gold in the European championship and a bronze in the Olympic

Games at Seoul. After marrying his wife, Mariola, he went to live in Chicago in 1990. He wanted to be a truck driver, but when he was training at a gym, he was noticed by the gym owner, Bob O'Donnell, who took him under his wing. O'Donnell helped him with an English tutor and guided him on his career, Golota has a record of 29 contests of which he has lost one, and 25 bouts have ended inside the distance.

O'Donnell took him to Duva at Main Events, New Jersey, and the promotion company and the veteran trainer set about smoothing out Golota's "straight up. European style". Duva said: Golota is such a natura athlete. At 18, he could run 100 metres in Hsec. He is easy to train and has started to adapt to the pro style. He is a fanatical trainer and he won't stop until he gets it right."



Suzie Ellis, the cox of Guilt, the Cambridge Boat Race trial eight, had every reason to smile yesterday after her crew recorded a time of 16min 41sec, four seconds Inside the record for

began a length inside the official start, the time was a significant riposte to the Oxford trial eights, who performed commendably on Mon-day. Ellis guided her crew in a frantic contest for

that was to prove decisive. She was, in the view of Guy Pooley, the umpire, "not quite disqualifica-tion material", although the bow side men in Innocence felt their rival's waves until Guilt

Brown stewing nicely for European title David Powell finds Great Britain's leading cross-country runner

tional cross-country runseason are clear: low boil now, high boil later. Be fit, but not

too fit, for the European championships in December; be flying come the world championships in March. It is impossible, the theory goes, to peak for both, and again for the track season. Jon Brown's kitchen smells

good. He is, he believes, likely to become Great Britain's first European champion in Charleroi, Belgium, on Sunday, and still have every chance of following the hors-d'oeuvres with a tasty main course. "I certainly want to improve on last season." Brown said, with reference to the comin championships in Turin. Last season he finished twelfth. higher than any British man for seven years.

First, though, Charleroi. If there was any doubt that

Brown should be considered favourite to win after finishing as the leading European in the world championship last winter, there cannot be now after a result last weekend that suggests that the title is as good as his. He beat Paul Tergat, the world champion, from Kenya. to win the Llodio ten-kilometre

Though a professional run ner, Brown retains a spirit Corinthian in core, centred on wanting a top-six finish at the world championships. If he achieved that, it would bring A more achievable route to recognition would be to win the European title, but any thought of peaking for Sunday and taking the world champ-

ionship less seriously never

crossed his mind. "I am in nowhere near my best shape because I have done only four hard workouts since the Olympics," Brown, who was tenth in the 10,000 metres in Atlanta, said. "Beating Tergat

happy with his role as favourite to take top honours this weekend

cross country in Spain by

Brown: confidence high

just confirms that my training in November went well. If I set. out with the specific intention of preparing for this race, I think my world cross-country preparations would suffer. For me, the world cross country

means a lot more." It is the hardest race of the year, but without the commercial clout of the track season. "I realise I could make the top half dozen and it would make no difference, people would not be interested," Brown said. "The world cross country is for my own personal satisfaction and nothing else.

what? It does not have a high, profile. It is a shame because it is the most difficult race to win, more than any Olympic gold." It brings together stee-plechasers, 5,000, 10,000 me-

Brown, like David Bedford and Ian Stewart before him, speaks his mind. "Haphazard," was how he described Britain's team build-up for the world championships last year. "It is just hobby preparation," he said, critical that the British Athletic Federation (BAF) did little for distance runners. Last summer he accused fellow British runners of

lacking commitment. Brown, 25, rates his chances for Sunday as "fairly good — I would be disappointed if I did not win." Ian Stewart, the last British man to win a senior international cross-country championship, took the view that "first is first and second is nowhere". To assist the reputning in its present recovery, win. "It would have to be a win, otherwise it would not mean anything," he said. Just kitchen talk.



BY ROBKUT SHEEHAN IMURGE CORRESPONDENT

In the riot that followed the

In the refresher today, I want to explain an extension of the attitude signals that I have been discussing recently. First, an example: you are defending a spade contract and your partner leads the ace of hearts. (Remember, our lead conventions are to lead top of a sequence.) This is what you see:

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As East, in both cases you play the nine, an encouraging signal. The logic is that in both cases you want your partner to go on with the suit: when you have the doubleton it is because you want to get a ruff. but when you have the queen it is because you want your partner to cash out.

The reason I introduce this example is that it is a hybrid between length-showing and attitude signals. In general you indicate attitude on your parmer's lead. However there are situations where you would give count. Again you arc East, defending a Notrump contract:

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Declarer puts up the queen. Look at the problem from your parmer's point of view. If he started with K 10832, he will want to know if declarer

started with A x or A x x of the

a. An ecclesiastical apology

UMBLES

c. Entrails

b. Collywobbies

a. Bad breath

c. Baldness

b. Dislike of touch

HAPTODYSPHORIA

suit. If A.x. next time West gets the lead he can lead a second low card, knowing that the declarer has to play the ace. But if declarer has A x x, West

five from holding (i), and the nine from holding (ii), showing your length. To fit that into our rules about attitude sig-

When the high-card strength in a suit led by your partner is not in doubt then a signal by you is length show-ing. not attitude.

high card. So you are in length-showing mode. Con-trast that with a position I fresher, where your partner led a low card and the declarer played the ace from dummy's Axx. Now the location of the high cards was in doubt, so you showed your attitude --high means you have an honour, low means you have

+KQ4

Declarer puts on the queen. Clearly you would win the ace if you had it, so the high-card strength is not in doubt. Play the three, showing an even number. It may help West later in the hand. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

must switch to get East in to continue the original suit. The solution is to play the

nals we add this proviso:

Here, when you can't beat the queen, your partner knows the location of any missing discussed in a previous re-

just small cards.

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

WORD-WATCHING

FORMICATE

b. To swarm

c. Repentance

a. Coloured glass

c. With pointed head

a. With a zestful taste

Answers on page 42

RESIPISCENCE

By Philip Howard



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Anand's birthday Viswanathan Anand, the Indi-

an grandmaster, celebrated his 27th birthday in Las Palmas with a win against Vassily Ivanchuk. This brought the Indian level in joint first place with Garry Kasparov. Both players have two points out of three. In the third round Kasparov drew with Vladimir Kramnik, while Anatoly Karpov drew with Veselin Topalov. Karpov and Kramnik have 1½ points, while Topalov and Ivanchuk have one each.

Anand's victory against Ivanchuk was a complicated clash in which the material advantage swung backwards and forwards. The position finally resolved itself into an endgame where Ivanchuk had three pawns in exchange for White's bishop. Discouraged by the turn of events, Ivanchuk chose to resign without being shown the technical process. Most players in his situation would have opted to play on.

White: Viswanathan Anand Black: Vassily Ivanchuk Ruy Lopez December 1996

Ruy Lopez 2 Nt3 3 Bb5 Bc5 10 c4

14 Posh4 Cxh4 15 Oxh4 Nxh4 N±5 Re8 h6

Diagram of final position 8 7 ± 0 6 ± ± ± 5 1 0 1 1 0

□ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

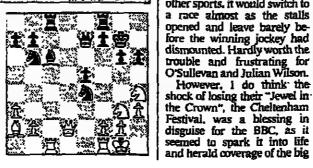
WINING MOVE

White to play. This position is a variation from the game Alekhine - Capablanca, Bue-nos Aires 1927. Black has just

By Raymond Keene

captured a pawn on e4 and uncovered an attack against White's knight on h4. How should White respond?

Solution on page 42



SPORTS LETTERS

Rowell must understand need for substitutions

both half backs left much to be

desired and two fresh pairs of

legs might have made all the

From Mr E. S. Harvey

Sir, For many years tactical substitutions have occurred in many international sports inciuding ice hockey, basketball, football, baseball, American football. Jack Rowell. the England rugby union coach, either does not appreciate the tactical benefits of substitution or misunderstands its rationale.

Substitution allows the coach to use his own judgment as to whether to replace a tired or injured player, to alter and hopefully improve the style of play or even, by such intervention, to hope for divine providence to support his decision. It should and need not be left to the player to make such a decision; he won't go off unless

he has to. Mr Rowell's refusal to replace the England half backs during the second half of the match against the New Zealand Barbarians, and his post-match reasoning, clearly showed that, in his view, the effect on morale of any replaced player is more important than using able substitutes who may do better.

The passing and kicking of

difference. The wise and astute New Zealand Barbarians coach clearly thought so, and look what happened in the last quarter of the match! Mr Rowell must be asked to give more thought to the obvious benefit that sensible

tactical substitution can provide and be big enough to ignore the disappointment of the replaced player, preferring to consider the best interest of the team and to use his squad more intelligently. Yours sincerely,

4 Gill Hill Lane, Radlett, Hertfordshire WD7 8DF.

From Mr J. Dodwell

Sir, May I suggest that the time has come for your newspaper to lead a campaign to change the ridiculous tap penalty rule which means that another penalty is awarded if the opposition have not withdrawn ten metres? We have now had to sit through the

Italy and New Zealand Bar-barians games, where the defects in this rule have been very obvious.

I quite understand why the opposition should withdraw ten metres when a tap penalty is awarded, but they should be given time to do so. At the moment, the penalty can be taken immediately - before the opposition has had a chance to withdraw. If the side with the penalty rushes forward and the opposition resist the temptation to oppose within the first ten metres, then a try is very likely — which is why the opposition always does interfere and break the

I suggest that either: a) the opposition have a fixed number of seconds dur-ing which to withdraw, following which the tap penalty can be taken. Or:

rules again.

b) if the team awarded the penalty does not want to wait. the opposition can play on immediately.

Yours sincerely. JOHN DODWELL, 6a Hagsdell Road. Hertford. Hertfordshire SG13 8AG. Time to cry foul

Sir. In his report on Leeds United v Cheisea (December 2), Rob Hughes was so right in drawing attention to the disgusting amount of foul play in Premiership matches.

in recent televised games, players of standing and experience have tripped, kicked or elbowed any opponent near enough to attack! Players jostie and are jostled when corners are taken, others dive professionally in or into the referees suffer the jostling. We read that referees are to have a meeting to discuss the high number of red cards issued. The media targets the

referees rather than the play-

ers who create the problems.

Perhaps it is the Professional

Footballers' Association which

should be calling a meeting. Yours faithfully, JIM HIND, 8 Wickwood Court,

St Albans ALI 4QE Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5211.

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daytime telepkone number.

BBC coverage is still racing ahead

From Mr R. Grieve

Cheltenham Festival.

Sir, I am writing with regard to your article about the quality of BBC Television's coverage of racing (December 2). Some 18 months ago I wrote to Peter O'Sullevan expressing my concern that the BBC had fallen behind Channel 4 after the loss of the

It had for some time hugely annoyed me that, during the BBC's shared coverage with other sports, it would switch to a race almost as the stalls opened and leave barely before the winning jockey had dismounted. Hardly worth the trouble and frustrating for O'Sullevan and Julian Wilson. However, I do think the shock of losing their "Jewel in the Crown", the Cheltenham

French classics and also eve-

ning races.
I find Channel 4 excellent in its quality of races covered, but it cannot touch the BBC with its tradition of going to the stables and providing beautiful scenery and music to

I find Jimmy Lindley's comments are always excellent and give us a jockey's view and show great knowledge of the thoroughbred racehorse. The Grand National coverage is also second to none,

Give me Julian Wilson and the stunning Sussex Downs on a glorious July day at Goodwood rather than the betting-obsessed ramblings of John McCririck Long live BBC racing!

Yours sincerely, R. W. GRIEVE, 3 Brideshill Cottages, Allendale Northumberland NE97 9EH.

MCC/TCCB/ECB, or whatev-

From Mr K. Phillips

Sir, R.D.B. Croft cannot be pleased to be described as an Englishman (December 4). Croft is a bilingual Weishman, the original and true Briton, a fact which explains why your report also observes that he is the only member of the English cricket team who is willing and able to adjust to an alien culture. Is it any wonder why we in Wales are more sympathetic to the idea of Brussels rather than a London-based government?

Yours faithfully, KENNETH PHILLIPS, 7 Bryncethin Road, Dyfed SAIS IYP.

From Mr M. Diddams

Sir. It is gratifying to see that the moves made by the

Time to toast Croft's original talent

er they are calling themselves today, are clearly paying dividends. The change from three to four-day county games, the "downsizing" of wicketkeepers and replacing full-time permanent posts with temporary. part-time ones, have resulted in a marked improvement in performances by the England team, as was shown by the result of their game against Mashonaland in Zimbabwe.

England lost by only seven wickets and made the game last nearly three days. The Australian and West Indies teams must be quaking in their boots at the thought of having to play England in the

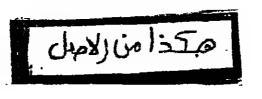
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Mansell prepares for life in the fast lane

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN BARCELONA

IT WAS all over quickly for Nigel Mansell yesterday, almost as if the second day of his test here was academic. Sixteen laps in the morning on a track still treacherous after a downpour at dawn, then into a Ford Scorpio parked behind the Jordan garage for a lunchtime dash to the airport with his wife, Rosanne. He carried the air of a man who had

already made his mind up.

It is still far from certain that the 1992 world champion will be back in Formula One next season, but things, increasingly, are pointing that way. His wage demands will be substantial, but the feeling is that they will not be a stumbling block. Jordan's main sponsors, Benson and Hedges, could help to bankroll the move and Bernie Ecclestone, the sport's ringmaster, may also contribute. The factor at the heart of Mansell's

decision, in fact, is likely to be his willingness to commit himself to a hectic 17-race season after 18 months of living life at a more leisurely pace. building up his golf course at Woodbury Park, in Devon, and knocking down his handicap. Yester-day, before he left, he made it clear that he is craving a return to life in

"I don't think you ever lose the taste for it." Mansell said. "It does give you a buzz, but it frightens the hell out of you sometimes, too. It is the closest thing to the edge of life you can get, especially when it was wet like this morning and the car is difficult to

The last two days have been a wonderful experience and it has given me a lot of food for thought. I have got no illusions about the commitment, the fact that you have to live, breathe, eat and sleep it, because I have been in the situation before. I



Mansell: considering options

"Over the next few days, we will go away and consider our future. Our future could include driving next year in one of several different formulas and it goes without saying that the Jordan team is one of those

options. There are a lot of things that are going to come into play."

Mansell was again outpaced by his prospective team-mate, Ralf Schumacher, yesterday and the younger brother of the double world champion offered a more sobering view of the Englishman's performance. Not a young man noted for his lack of confidence. Schumacher said he would have been dismayed if Mansell had gone quicker than him after 18 months away from the sport.

"I would have been very disap-pointed," he said. "In fact, I think I would have stopped Formula One if Nigel had been quicker than me. In principle, I think it would be good for us to have someone with his experience, but after such a long break, I am not sure if the time he had with Williams would be helpful to us now. Motor racing is not about money or your name, it is about what you do." If Mansell returns, he will set his sights on becoming the leading

British driver next year. To achieve that, he will have to beat not only the world champion, Damon Hill, in his TWR Arrows-Yamaha, but also David Coulthard in his McLaren-Mercedes. Coulthard, one of the most affable of grand prix drivers, re-placed Mansell at Williams at the start of 1995. Yesterday, in the paddock behind the garages, a quieter, moodier place than on the weekend of a race, he mulled over the

pros and cons of Mansell's return. There is part of me that thinks: 'How many comebacks is he going to make? " Coulthard said. "But Nigel has always been a hero of mine and it would be great for the sport to have him back. You can forget about the times he set over the last two days. If he was qualifying, he would be pulling extra tenths out all over the place. I'm sure he had a lot in reserve." Perhaps, when the talking is done and the decision is made, we will be allowed to find out.

Cricket looks ahead with end of TCCB

THE Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) wound itself up yesterday with what Tim Lamb, its cricket secretary. called "a tinge of sadness, but in a harmonious spirit, and with a mood of optimism". On January 1 Lamb becomes the chief executive of the English Cricket Board, which will be the future governor of the first-class and recreational game in the United Kingdom.

At the meeting, the TCCB agreed that counties who rest. Test players at the request of the chairman of selectors would be compensated by £500 a day - £2,500 for a four-day championship match and a Sunday league fixture — and that contracts for overseas players should not exceed two years, though they may roll over.

Cash in short supply

SWIMMING: Competitors could have been forgiven for feeling short-changed as the first heats of the inaugural European short-course championships got underway in Rostock, Germany last night (Craig Lord writes). While prize-money of almost £250,000 had been billed for "top performers in all 38 events" by the European Swimming League, the governing body yesterday announced that that figure was a maximum limit to be distributed not among all winners, but in parcels of about £2,000 to those who break European short-course records over the next three days.

Gerg strikes first

SKIING: Hilde Gerg, of Germany, achieved her season's goal in the first World Cup ski race of the 1996-97 European circuit with an impressive super-giant slalom victory over her countrywoman, Katja Seizinger, in Vai d'Isère yesterday. "It was my main objective this season to win a second World Cup victory at last," she said after beating Seizinger by 0.39sec. "I had been waiting for that moment for nearly two years."

Price of citizenship

GOLF: Zimbabwean authorities are reported to have ordered Nick Price to stop flying the country's flag until his citizenship is formalised. Dumiso Dabengwa, the Home Affairs minister, was quoted by the Financial Gazette newspaper as saying Price, who holds a British passport and has been playing golf claiming to represent Zimbabwe, should stop doing so. Born in South Africa and raised in Zimbabwe, Price renounced Zimbabwean citizenship in 1984.

Hall still on a high

BADMINTON: Darren Hall, of England, continued his winning run in the qualifying round of the World Cup championship in Jakarta yesterday. Hall overcame Fung Permadi, of Taiwan, 15-12, 4-15, 15-10. However, there were defeats for the doubles pairings of Chris Hunt and Simon Archer and Nick Ponting and Joanne Goode.

Rhinos charging on

RUGBY LEAGUE: Leeds Rhinos continued their rebuilding yesterday by signing Jamie Mathlou, the North Queensland Cowboys forward. The capture of Mathiou, who is 6ft lin and 16 2 st, came 24 hours after the Headingley club announced the arrival of the Sheffield trio of Ryan Sheridan, Dean Lawford and Anthony Farrell.

SAILING

Dalton launches Whitbread bid

FROM EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT IN MONTE CARLO

GRANT DALTON, of New Zealand and the early trials Zealand, who won the Maxi class in the last Whithread Round the World Race, threw down the gauntlet for the 1997 race here yesterday, announcing a well-planned and wellfunded campaign. This time the Aucklander has the might of Merit Cup behind him and

a budget thought to be about \$9 million (£5.5 million). This is the third consecutive Whitbread campaign for Merit, a subsidiary of Philip Morris, and it is being run under the burgee of the Yacht Club de Monaco, where the launch took place. This came complete with satellite links to Auckland, where the syndicate's two boats are being built, and to Bruce Farr, in

designed them. Merit's first two campaigns were skippered by the experi-enced Pierre Fehlmann, of Switzerland. This time they have gone for Dalton, who will be competing in his fifth consecutive race but sailing for the first time on a Whitbread 60.

Annapolis, Maryland, who

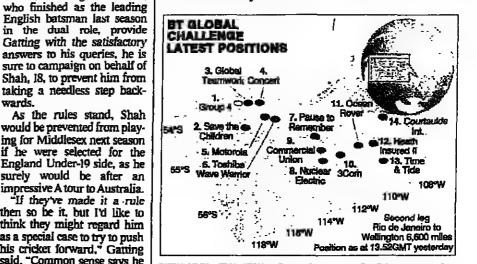
His crew includes Kevin Shoebridge, who is overseeing the building in Auckland, Mike Quilter, as navigator. and Guido Maisto, of Italy, who skippered the W60, Brooksfield, in the last race, finishing sixth. Despite the Monaco link and the promotional emphasis on Italy, the crew will be mainly from New will be held there. Dalton named Lawrie Smith of Britain who is

expected finally to be able to announce his Silk Cut-sponsored campaign on Monday. and the partnership of Chris Dickson and Dennis Conner as two of his leading rivals.

Although he is well ahead of Smith on the construction and planning side, Dalton was reluctant to rule him or anyone else out. "It's roo early to try to pick winners," he said. The evenness of the design rule means you haven't got people who have already lost the race. In the past, at this stage, 12 of the 14 boats would have already lost."

Dalton, who is among nine clients of Farr's in the race, said he was very happy with the design and is keeping an open mind about which of the two hulls will be chosen. "It's going to be quite a tough call." he said, adding that intensive two-boat testing would start at the end of February to determine which would be chosen for the September race.

Dalton has a wealth of experience in this event but said that he had a lot to learn about W60s. The emphasis is on a solid campaign. "You lose the Whitbread by trying to be too clever," he said. "We are trying to do everything one per cent better than everyone else not one thing 100 per cent



DISTANCE TO WELLINGTON: 1, Group 4 9,318; 2, Save The Children 3,327 3, Global Tearmwork 3,344; 4, Concert 3,357; 5, Motorola 3,365; 6, Toshiba Wave Warrior 3,370; 7, Pause To Remamber 9,446, 8, Nuclear Electric 3,458; 9, Commercial Union 3,456, 10, 3Corn 3,473; 11, Ocean Rover 3,508; 12, Health Insured 8 3,529; 13, Time & Tide 3,539, 14, Courtaulde International 3,564

MCC members must broaden their horizons, Jack Bailey says



An artist's impression of how the new elliptically-shaped structure will alter the Lord's skyline while providing optimum viewing facilities and resources for the media

I mie ioi a leap oi lami al Loiu s

n Monday, the special general al meeting of MCC, called to discuss and approve plans for the installation of a new media entre above and behind the Comp-_on and Edrich stands at the Nursery End of Lord's, will provide as stern a rest of the members' belief in the wisdom of the committee as there has peen for some time. It is almost nevitable that this should be so.

The past decade has seen enough hange to make even the likes of Kerry Packer rub their eyes. Not all of it has been to the obvious and mmediate benefit of the members hemselves and the latest venture will aise a number of reasonable doubts n the minds of the rank and file.

As owners of Lord's cricket ground hey have already been asked to swallow some pretty rich fare the building of the new Mound Stand, new offices for the English Cricket Board, the tearing down and replacement of the symbolic Grand Stand financed, in part, by the sale of life memberships — and the steady mushrooming of hospitality areas. not to mention commercial advertis-

ing on the field of play. Now the chef has wheeled in his pièce de résistance. The committee commend the media centre on the

basis that it will complete the updating of facilities at Lord's by extending to the media "exemplary facilities, consistent with those which are already available, or will soon be, to everyone else at Lord's ground."

Another plank in the committee's argument, that "the provision of a new media centre at Lord's would put the club in an excellent and unrivalled position to hold the World Cup final in 1999 . . . ", is doubtless true. It could be argued, however, that

while outdated and in a far from ideal position, the present facilities could be augmented by temporary additions. If this were done, the chances of the 1999 final being staged other than at Lord's would still be

remote in the extreme. What is chiefly at issue here is whether Lord's cricket ground, as the flagship of world Test match venues, should provide the best media facilities available in the modern age, facilities that will cope with the galloping demands imposed, particularly demands imposed, particularly demands imposed. larly by television and radio, upon which the game relies to bring itself before an instant audience of many millions. At the same time, the lot of equally important working journalists, both in the written and photographic senses, would be greatly

improved. In order to achieve this, the MCC committee is proposing "the first all-aluminium building in the world, with the skin of the building forming an integral part of the structural

system."
It will provide clear and uninterrupted views of the pitch, with room for 250 broadcasters and journalists, and scope for much else besides. It is

"The centre is proof of the exciting, cultural change on the face of Lord's'

envisaged that the centre will be used for a number of other purposes in both winter and summer.

The design, while futuristic, would do less to impair views of those wonderful Lord's trees than would a more traditional one and, when taken within the broad sweep of the new Mound and Grand stands, would not stick out like a sore thumb, as has been suggested. Already the project has been received favourably by the Royal Fine Arts Commission, the

Westminster City Council planners and even the St John's Wood Society. With the 1999 World Cup in mind, Roger Knight, the MCC secretary, says that agreement in principle has already been reached with the English Cricket Board that, with the new centre in place, Lord's would be the venue for the final and at least one other match

Plans for financing this vast undertaking are already at an advanced stage. In return for the building being known as the NatWest Media Centre, the use of a couple of hospitality boxes and

advertising at the Nursery End, NatWest will pay £2.6mil-lion during the life of a six-year sponsorship. They will also provide a loan on favourable terms from which construction costs can be met. It is confidently foreseen that specialised equipment will come

at no cost to the club. All this leaves MCC prepared to provide up to £1 million from its own resources - yet another contribution to the game it has nurtured over the 210 years of its existence. If all goes as expected, the call on reserves would, however, be minimal.

Almost without exception, the members of MCC have followed the

minutes.

they have been right to do so. Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie, the newly installed president, has no doubt of the worthiness of the project. "The NatWest Media Centre is proof of the new, exciting, cultural change on the face of Lord's cricket ground. It blends perfectly with the new Grand Stand and the Mound Stand, while the historic and traditional image of the ground is maintained by the pavilion," he said.

advice of their committee and often

Certainly the odds are that in ten years, opponents of the futuristic design will wonder what all the fuss was about. Initially, the new Mound Stand had its critics; most are eager

converts now.

All that is needed is a small leap of faith on the part of the membership. The knowledge that "who dares wins", and that this one final step will confirm Lord's as the centre of world cricket well into the foreseeable

future, should be enough.

There is a bonus. The true cricketing media, who have been consulted at every stage, will be firmly on their side.

☐ Jack Bailey was secretary of MCC and the International Cricket Conference from 1974-1987.

tion panel alongside Graham

Gooch, the favourite to be-

come Raymond Illingworth's

successor as chairman, and

David Graveney, the A team

manager, providing he can

successfully combine his play-

ing career with the position. Should discussions with

Gooch, his long-time friend,

India extend unbeaten run

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

INDIA extended their unbeaten home run in Test series and completed their first series triumph over South Africa with a 280-run victory on the final day of the third Test in Kanpur yesterday. India have not lost a series at home since their 1986-87 defeat by

Any lingering doubts about the outcome vanished when South Africa, resuming on 127 for five in pursuit of 461, lost three early wickets, including both overnight batsmen, Brian McMillan and Dave Richardson, without addition to

Sunil Joshi, who finished with three for 66, had McMillan brilliantly caught by the substitute, Vangipurappu Laoman, for 18 off the fourth man of the series. His unbeat-en 163 in the second innings ball of the morning before Javagal Srinath trapped Richardson leg-before for five. Pat Symcox struck Anil Kumble for a six over mid-off but then gave Joshi a return catch after

making II. Venkatesh Prasad bowled Fanie de Villiers for two and Srinath had Paul Adams caught by Mohammed Azharuddin in the slips for one to end the innings on 180, seven halls after lunch, and leave Lance Klusener on 34, an

innings containing five fours.

Azharuddin, dismissed as captain earlier this year, was SCOREBOARD FROM MANAGER

Umpires: D R Shepherd (England) and S Ventataraghavan (India)

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here, his sixteenth century in 75 Tests, put the match out of South Africa's reach. India now play a return

three-Test series in South Africa during a seven-week tour that begins on December 19. Sachin Tendulkar, who has won three of the four Tests since taking over the captaincy from Azharuddin, said: "It's a great feeling to beat one of the best teams in the world. We now look forward to beating them in South Africa."

Hansie Cronje, the South Africa captain, attributed his team's poor performance in Kanpur to his batsmen's failings rather than tricks played by the pitch.

Those who were willing to stay got runs," Cronje said. "We have not got used to lowbounce wickets and have not mastered the art of scoring big hundreds on turning wickets. Our batsmen like pitches where the ball comes on to the bat and our bowlers prefer wickets where the ball has

Gatting a guiding force

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN BRISBANE

tour match with Queensland

here after overnight rain and

bad light restricted play to 85

Queensland, resuming on

154 for four, 76 runs adrift of

the touring team's first-in-

nings total, reached 195 for five

at the close, with Glen

Chapple, the Lancashire fast

bowler, claiming the only

wicket, that of Jerry Cassell.

MIKE GATTING'S influence a frustrating third day of their in guiding the precocious talent of Owais Shah has already been considerable as the batsman's England A coach and Middlesex captain. But if Gatting succeeds in becoming an England selector, he would be in the perfect position to ensure Shah's development continues unhindered by a

restrictive youth policy. Gatting was able to turn his mind to these issues as he and the rest of the A party suffered



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Gatting has confirmed his Gatting with the satisfactory willingness to join the selecanswers to his queries, he is sure to campaign on behalf of Shah, 18, to prevent him from SCOREBOARD taking a needless step back-As the rules stand, Shah would be prevented from playing for Middlesex next season

if he were selected for the England Under-19 side, as he surely would be after an impressive A tour to Australia. "If they've made it a rule then so be it, but I'd like to think they might regard him as a special case to try to push his cricket forward," Gatting said. "Common sense says he would learn more from county cricket than going back to the under-19s."

RUGBY UNION

Stransky to provide options for Leicester

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

THE heady mixture of overseas players pouring into English rugby continued yes-terday. Nine days after the announcement that Francois Pienaar is to join Saracens, Joel Stransky, the man whose dropped goal won the 1995 World Cup for Pienaar's South Africa team, confirmed that he is to join Leicester.

Stransky, 29, will become available for Leicester next month, pending the arrange-ment of a work permit, and could start his 212-year contract against Northampton on January 11. Though Bob



Stransky: pivotal role

Dwyer, the Leicester director of rugby, suggested that he had first to win a place at stand-off half ahead of Rob Liley, harsh reality suggests that Stransky will be wheeled in as swiftly as possible.

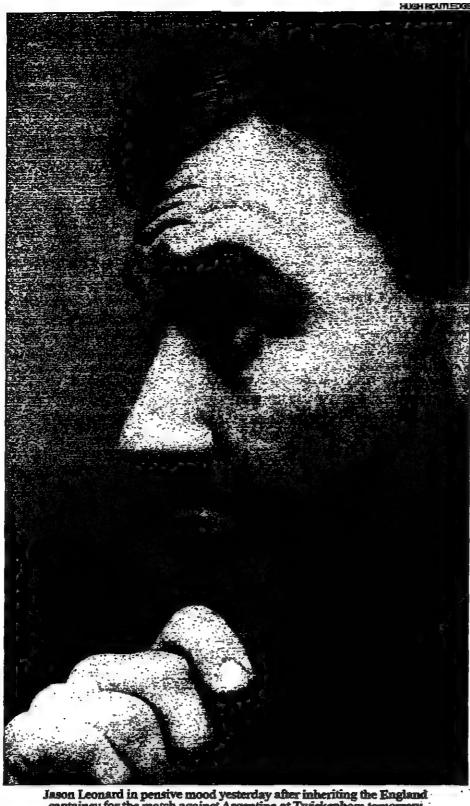
That Leicester should choose to unveil their new signing at the England team hotel may raise the eyebrows of the national team manage ment, given that half of the 12 first division clubs (from whom, by and large, the national side is selected) will now field pivots who have no England qualification. Leicester will join Bristol (Paul London Irish (David HumLynagh) and West Hartlepool (Mark Ring or Chris John) in that respect.

The balance has to be right when it comes to signing players," Peter Wheeler, the Leicester chief executive, said. We have to look at what Joel will do for us and how much the people around him will learn. We spend a lot of time and effort identifying and growing our own Englishbred players, though the England management have legit-imate concerns about the number of overseas players This is the first significant

overseas signing that Leicester have made, funded by a combination of sponsorship, subscriptions and gate receipts that is virtually unique to English club rugby. "It's difficult for Rob Liley." Dwyer said. "He will understand that he is still an important member of our first team squad and we have played a squad system right from the start of the season. Rob could be disillusioned to some degree. but you have to accept the situation and not allow it to affect your performance."

Coincidentally, Liley and Stransky have had spells at the Cahors clubs, in France, though Stransky's other northern-hemisphere experience — beyond national tours extends to L'Aquila and San Dona, in Italy. He will bring with him the experience of 23 caps for South Africa, the last of them against New Zealand in August when the All Blacks won a series in South Africa

for the first time. It was not, though, a happy season for Stransky after the tumultuous World Cup year. His form dipped, to the extent that he was dropped by West-ern Province, who preferred Louis Koen, the youngster touring with South Africa A.



captaincy for the match against Argentina at Twickenham tomorrow

forth the sustained quality Sunday against Wales, a tour that he displayed during the World Cup, in the final of which he scored all South Africa's points in their 15-12 win over New Zealand.

"There is only one way to go after winning a World Cup, and that's down," Stransky said. He has not given up hope of playing for South Africa again - there are 18 months of his South African Rugby Foot-

tional future for Pienaar and, that has taken in Argentina though he has scored 240 and France, suggests that he may not return to internationpoints for South Africa second only to Naas Botha Stransky may well fall into the The selectors in South Afri-

ca will pick from the Super 12 and Currie Cup performances," he said. "It will be difficult to influence that situation. The new coach [André Markgraaff wants to do markgram; wants in things his way, which is only sight and he has made his

same category.

Nick Walshe, the Harlequins 'scrum' half, replaces Matthew Dawson in the England A team to play Queens-land at Gateshead tonight. Waishe went on as a replacement in England A's 23-17

Official view must involve teamwork

hen Wales played Australia recently. Matthew Burke, the Australia full back, scored a try after 11 minutes which, when he added the conversion. ave his side a 10-3 lead. That this occurred so early in the game was a significant set-back to Wales, who wanted, above all, to gather confidence and to make amends against the team that had beaten them so heavily last summer. Suddenly Wales had a hill to

What made matters worse was that the try should never have been allowed. What the Wales players and almost the whole of the crowd had seen was that, immediately before the score. David Campese had knocked on the ball. Iain Ramage, the Scottish referee, had missed the incident such are the travails of the

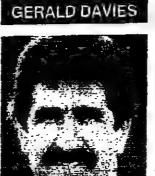
solitary referee.

It is highly unlikely that a similar incident would have occurred last Saturday at Twickenham, where Ed Morrison was the referee when the Australians met the Barbarians. He was accompanied by two other officials from the Rugby Football Union, who acted as touch judges. It has become common practice for quite some time for hree officials from the

charge of an international match. They travel together and, since they know each other well, are more likely to function as a team. This was as true at Twickenham as at Cardiff Arms Park, but it would appear that the English officials are better attuned to modern rugby requirements and, to an extent, operate outside the laws of the game. The referee remains the sole

same union to take

judge of fact and the only occasion, according to the laws, that touch judges can intervene is in the event of foul play. In recent years, though, there has grown an increasing understanding of co-operation between the three, so that touch judges do intervene to pass on messages and advice. It is not so long ago that referees from Wales took the lead in extending the influence of the touch judges. In the event of uncertainty arising over a try being scored in the



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ground near the touch flag to indicate that the try had not been scored; or he would run around to take his place be-hind the posts if he felt that it had. Thus the referee would be assisted in arriving at a

Ken Rowlands, the Welsh Rugby Union's referee development officer, is firmly of the view that the laws of the game should accommodate

We need to ensure that the correct decisions are made on the field'

> touch judges in assisting the referee. Such a proposal has aiready gone to the Interna-tional Rugby Football Board (IRFB) for discussion at its meeting in January.
> On the clear evidence of the match between the Barbarians and Australians, English ref-

erees are functioning in this way already. On at least four occasions Stewart Piercy, the touch judge, indicated by moving his hand across his chest that a knock-on had taken place. As Morrison himself admitted, he missed one of these and was grateful to have his attention drawn to it.

"As the law stands," Morrison said, "this is exceeding the powers of the touch judge, but, to be realistic, no one man can keep an eye on everything, and now that the game is professional the pressure is becoming greater on the officials. The game is played at a faster pace and, because of the The need to prove himself in a but his omission from the intentions known." Mark- XV on Tuesday when Dawson failing to ground the ball—the financial imperatives on play-

that the correct decisions are made on the field. Teams cannot be knocked out of the cup or an international match lost, say, because of a refereeing error. There is more at stake these days.

We must do whatever we can to ease the burden on the referee. The three officials must be as proactive as possible. The players and the crowd have come to ex-

He conceded, though, that there are difficulties. "Of course the referee must be the final arbiter," he said. "The touch judge should be in a position, however, to give advice; but it is up to the referee if he wishes to take it." Furthermore, for the second

year, officials in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship are fitted with a two-way electronic link, which is proving very successful. The IRFB is awaiting the results of what still is an

What we are finding 50 far," Morrison said, "is that, once players know that there are other pairs of eyes watchthem, they are less in-clined, for example, to

wander offside. The postouch judges is proving a wonderful deterrent to an aspect of play that can so often spoil a match.

"Let's face it, the referee cannot legislate for every-thing that is likely to turn up in a game. He may miss some foul play or a forward pass. In those circumstances, I cannot see why a touch judge cannot assist the referee. There is a better sense of fairness.

"In two international matches last year - New Zealand versus Australia and France against Ireland — this system was used. There had to be an agreement between the two teams involved. On the other hand, two other countries in the five nations' championship turned down our request. This is a pity because the players particularly liked it. They expect correct judgment.

in the event of a doubtful decision, we should be provided with an action replay screen to refer to, but this would produce prolonged pauses that would take away the sense of theatre that the game

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SNOOKER

Robidoux makes light of errors

FROM PHILYATES IN OSNABRÚCK

ALAIN ROBIDOUX, already assured of entering 1997 as the highest-ranked overseas player on the professional circuit, continued to pile up points by reaching the semi-finals of the German Open here yesterday.

Robidoux, who occupies a career-best tenth place on the provisional world list, faces Mark Williams or John Higgins, the title-holder, for a place in the final on Sunday after a 5-4 victory over Dave Harold, of Stoke.

Harold began the day by driving a tank at the Army base which is playing host to the tournament. By the end of it he was looking for the quickest way to the airport and home after a glaring. pressure-induced mistake in

the deciding frame. Ironically, Harold had benefited from a pair of dreadful Robidoux errors earlier in the contest when he recovered from a 2-1 deficit to lead 3-2.

Harold fashioned a 95 break in the fourth frame, but only after Robidoux, 38-4 ahead, missed a straightforward red in prime scoring territory. In the next he jawed an equally simple ball, leading 65-0 and, assisted by an exceptional positional shot from blue to pink, Harold cleared with 74. instead of dropping his head, as on many occasions in the past, Robidoux stuck to his task and when Harold misjudged a long green in the eighth frame, the West Midlands-based French-Canadian

Trailing 38-0, Harold sank a difficult red from distance in launching a break of potentially match-winning proportions but, on 25, he snatched on a pink to a middle pocket. This caused the intended pot to go astray and Robidoux put to-gether a winning run of 38.

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Robidoux has been a semifinalist at a world-ranking tournament on only three previous occasions.

In the quarter-finals today. Nigel Bond will play Mark Davis, while Stephen Hendry takes on Ronnie O Sullivan.

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RACING: TRAINER'S REPUTATION ENHANCED BY EXPLOITS OF BARGAIN PURCHASE

. Bowen builds on Stately Home

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THE Bovis Crowngap Handi-cap Chase at Sandown yesterday offered more than a morsel for thought. As trainers of glamour horses continued to shun the prevailing fast ground a gelding costing 900 guineas landed his eighth victory since July to hoist his seasonal earnings beyond

At this rate, the connections of Stately Home will be con-templating one of their own. The five-year-old has a healthy appetite for competition or, more precisely, for grinding it into the turf. There was no let-up to his front-running gallop as he threw some spectacular leaps in the hands of Adrian Maguire, And all this from what most trainers would perceive as a relative youngster over fences.

Tony McCoy, the champion National Hunt jockey, was yesterday ruled out of the weekend's racing after being concussed in a fall from Iktasab in the West Hatch Novices' Hurdle at Taunton In addition to having to forfeit his remaining five rides yesterday, McCoy must give up four mounts at Cheltenham today and his rides at Lingfield Park tomorrow.

Mind you, the stable of Peter Bowen is not geographi-cally located to be influenced by contemporary thinking. Bowen, 38, operates out of Haverfordwest on the Pentbrokeshire coast. It is a threehour drive to Chepstow, his nearest racecourse, although the crow's route to Wexford in southern Ireland would be shorter still. This was his sixteenth winner from the "eight or nine" horses he has-

"It is all down to hard work," he said. "People keep asking me when the horse will be having a break. There's no break for me and there'll be no break for him. There is no point. The horse is fresh, a. difficult ride at home and he'll be going to Leicester soon after

Christmas." Bowen, whose first winner at Sandown this was, needs no introduction to point-to-point: enthusiasts. He saddled more than 100 winners in three seasons before taking out a full licence 13 months ago. He bypass the Cheltenham Festi-won 23 points in two seasons val in favour of tackling fences with Brunico, a notoriously next season.

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12.15 LETHERY & CHRISTOPHER MOVICES HUNDLE



Yahmi, far side, delivers a telling challenge to Jack Tanner in the Bovis Crowngap Novices' Hurdle at Sandown yesterday

quirky customer under Rules before Bowen transformed the talented grey, it was no sur-prise to learn he is building new boxes to meet rising demand among local patrons.

David Nicholson, another not short of patrons, landed the first two races with horses brimful of promise. Hurricane Lamp raced with nonchalance throughout most of the EBF Novices" Hurdle: But he had to knuckle down to resist Nasone, an equally promising five-year-old who carried 1015

Nicholson was quick to pick up the point. Horses should not be burdened with a 10th penalty for winning one race worth £2,500," he said. "In the end my horse carried at, but the owner wasn't keen to run."" The winner, a half-brother to Martin's Lamp, will probably

1,55 Forestal

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2.30 Vodethine Gate

Potter's Bay, who beat his solitary rival, Triple Witching, in the Bovis Lelliott Novices' Chase over an extended 22 miles, is now reaping the reward for at last consenting to settle. Potter's Bay has clearly absorbed the lesson: his quicksilver jumping swept

Nape FAITHFUL HAND (2.20 Doncaster)

Next best: Lochnagrain . (3.40 Cheltenham)

him past Triple Witching at the tenth fence but Maguire never had to wrestle to maintain control of the parenership. If in similar mood come March; Potter's Bay has the Cathcart Chase on his as three winners, was entitled to Cheltenham today.

expect a fourth when punters dispatched Jack Tanner the 4-1 on favourite for the grade two Bovis Crowngap Winter Nov-ices' Hurdle. But Jack Tanner was bettered by Yahmi in a compelling duel from the second-last hurdle.

The winner carries the colours of Jim Old's long-standing patron, Wally Start, whose veteran stayer. Mole Board, collapsed and died on the gallops on Monday. Yahmi may yet make into an adequate replacement for Sturt's prized hurdler.

Old also suggested that Collier Bay, his Champion Hurdle winner, is almost sure to miss the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham tomorrow because the ground is likely to be too firm:

Meanwhile Magnire, beset by influenza, completed his book of rides before indicating Maguire, who rode the first: he might miss the action at

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12.45 CHRIS COLEY RACING HOVICES CHASE (£4,981: 3m 11 110yd) (3 numers) 201 0PO-111 LORD OF THE WEST 2 (F.G.S) (Ouchest of Washinston) J J O'Helli 7-11-8 A Magnine 92 239-P22 PLNSY TRUTH 17 (B) (M. Washin) M. Washin 10-11-4 Mr M. Humis S1 203 1124-22 WEE WINDY 17 (BF.F.G.S) (W. Galet J. Billion 7-11-4 P. Hide S BETTING: 4-6 Lord Of The West, 6-4 West Windy, 12-1 Pursy Traft. 1995; SEVEN TOWERS 6-11-8 P News (8-15 Ser) Mrs. M Reveiley 5 min FORM FOCUS

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1.20 CHUBB FERE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAF CHASE (£3,160: 2m 5f) (5 runners)

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Fast going in favour of Glemot

CHELTENHAM CHANNEL 4

1.55: Forestal ran promisingly on his seasonal reappearance 20 days ago when looking short of peak fitness but would prefer more give in the ground. Another point against him is that he has disappointed three times here, although his frontrunning tactics could expose the stamina limitations of Chai-Yo, who may not ap-

preciate a fast-run race over this still trackett of but, and Kippanour ran well here w year ago but probably needs further, which leaves Sovercigns Parade as a tentative choice. He beat Paddy's Return, the subsequent Triumph Hordle winner, on his hurdling debut last term and shaped with a degree of promise on his seasonal reappearance in a tougher race at Asont.

2.30: Yorkshire Gale, who won on his seasonal reappearance for the third year running here 17 days ago. then disappointed at Wetherby. He seems best when fresh. With Rainbow Castle, a faller at Taunton yesterday, an absentee, this looks a fine opportunity for Glemot, who jumped particularly well at Aintree last time



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

when the ground was un-suitably soft. He should appreciate this sounder surface and can oblige. 3.05: Daraydan disappoint-

ed at Chepstow last time after an impressive all-theway victory at Leicester. Martin Pipe's runner may not have been suited by the soft ground but looks worth opposing under his penalty. Cartito Brigante did well to finish second to Resist The Force in a slowly run race at Ascot and, with a stronger pace likely, the former Flat handicapper can open his account over hurdles. Shadirwan almost certainly needs further while Beacon Flight's win at Huntingdon came in a slowly run race.

3.40: Lochnagrain has been a revelation since reverting to hurdles and must go well. He won a fast-run race with ease at Kelso II days ago and should be able to defy a 4lb Balanak bounced back to

form at Warwick 13 days ago but is unproven over this distance. Glengarrif Girl relishes staying races on fast ground and is the main danger, provided she is none the worse for being brought down at Chepstow last time.

RICHARD EVANS

LINGFIELD PARK

17.25 Master Of Passion. 11.55 Eriton. 12.25 Mytoritaine. 1.00 Zahid. 1.35 Merciless Cop. 2.10 General Equation. 2.45 Hallmark. 3.75 Sooty Tem.

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11.25 KERSTEN PROMOTIONS HANDICAP

1 5000 SALLY SLADE 38 (D.S.5) C Deer 4-10-0. 2 0004 MASTER OF PASSION 21 (C.D.5) J Busines 7-0-11

11.55 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP QUALIFIER (DIV 1: £2,616: 1m) (12)

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2 5506. PREMIER I LEAGLE 37 (D.5.8) J Lung 6-7-10. M Cardisk 2

5606. PREMIER SEASON. 7-1 ZHORA. B J TESSE 0 LLES 10-1 ches.

12.25 COLD AS CHARITY HANDICAP

1.00 APPLE A DAY APPRENTICE LIMITED

- DONCASTER

12.05 Herbert Lodge. 12.35 Dispoi Conqueror. 1.10 Berude Not To. 1.45 Callisce Bay. 2.20 Past Master. 2.55 Zereder, 3.30 Ardrom.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) 12.05 SAUCY XIT HOVICES HURDLE

(\$2,847: 2m 4f) (9 numers) -123 HERBERT LODE: 14 (OF F.S) X Salay 7-11-5. C O'Duyor 90
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12.35 GLASGOW PADDOCKS SELLING HURDLE

| Company | Comp S-1 Cathay, 6-1 Song For Jaco, Dispel Conquess, 7-1 Buta Top. Textaton Lad Begger's Opins, Shancos, 12-1 others

1.10 RED RUM NOVICES CHASE

1.35 GIFT HORSE NURSERY HANDICAP

2.10 KERSTEN PROMOTIONS HANDICAP (Div 8: £2,534: 5f) (10)

1 S102 KALAR 8 (B.CD.F.G) D Chapman 7-10-0 A Collings 6 2 3213 NAPIER STAR 8 (V.D.G) Mrs N Margarry 3-9-11 C Teague (3; 9 3 8340 FEATHERSTUNE LAME 8 (V.D.F.G) Miss L Soldeli 3-9-10

2.45 ANY PORT MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

3.15 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP QUALIFIER (Div II: £2,602, 1m) (11)

TRANSPRS: S. Williams, 5. sensors from 27 runners, 22.2%; I. Monague Hall, 6 iron 31, 19.4%, J. Hills, 17 som 95, 17.7%, 7. Lills, 7 from 41, 17.1%, M. Johnston, 40 som 237, 18.9%, R. Armstron, 10 iron 29, 16.9%.

Blinkered first time

CHELTENHAM: 1.55 Sovereigns Parade, DONCASTER: 12.35 Ballykissangel, 2.20 Ragazzo.

1.45 YULRORY'S CLOWN CHASE

4-8 Caltinos Bay, 11-4 Cumbrum Chellenge, 6-1 Crystal Spirit, 6-1 in Truth

> 2.20 DOORKNOCKER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,102: 2m 110yd) (7)

2.55 DONCASTER RACECOURSE SPONSORSHIP CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£4,531: 2m 110yd) (4)

1 - 1F1 PRE HARVEST 13 (D.F.O.) 1 Spening 10-11-10 D Bridgueter 2 PP11 ZEREDAR B.B.O.S R Basiny 5-13-2 (Sen) ... C O'Deyes 3 PO34 NEWHALL PRINCE 20 (V.D.F.O.) A Second 8-10-12. .. T Bay 4 2-11 EASTERN MASIC 37 (D.F.O.) 6 Barnes 8-10-0 R Persons 1 5-4 Fine Hervest, 7-4 Zereder, 7-2 Eastern Magns, 12-1 Mewhell Prince.

3.30 DONCASTER MARES ONLY STANDARD OPEN

5-4 Country Orchid. 4-1 Tulsow Lady. 5-1 Chappelli, Fachal Looks, 7-1 others COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS: Mrs M: Revoley, 14 winners from 69 normers, 20.3%, 0 Sharmood, 5 from 36, 16 7%, Only qualifies.
JOCKEYS: J Raviton, 3 evenues from 11 notes, 27.3%, G Boadley, 4 from 19, 27,1% Only qualifiers.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Sandown Park Going: good, good to firth in places

Going: good; good to list in piaces

1.00 (2m 110yd hde) 1, HURRICANE

LAMP (a Maguine, 7-4 lav); 2, Nasone (P
Hde, 9-4); 3, Friendship (M A Fizzgerald,
3-1); ALSO RAN: 12 Neat Feat (25h), 16
Gale Wargame, 25 Colvero, 33 Jaczman,
40 Loch Na Keal, 50 Award (4th), Black
Statement, Rossell & Sand, 58 Physical Fun
(6th) 12 van NR; Supreme Charm NK, 3,
hd, 131, 71 D Nicholson at Temple Gusting
Total: 52.70; 51 40, 51.30, 51.50 DF;
53 00, Tro: 51 60, CSF; 55 12.

1.35 (2m 4l 110yd chi 1, POTTER'S BAY (A Magure, 2-7 lav), 2, Triple Witching (M A Fitzgerald, 3-1). 2 ran. NR: Redeem-yoursell, [I D Nicholson, Total £1,20 2.10 (2m 4f 110yd chi) 1, STATELY HOME (A Maguire, 9-4 j. lavi), 2. Strong Medichia (J Ostome, 9-4 j. lavi), 3. Brazbury Star (P Hide, 7-1), ALSO RNN 3 Eschorpe (40h), 9 Core D'Estruval (5th), 5 ran. 12. 134, 134, 134 P Bowen at Haverford West Tole, 52.70, 51 40, 51 90. DF 52.90, CSF 57 23.

77 23.
2.40 (27a 6) hole; 1, YAHMI (J Osborne, 4-1); 2. Jack Tanner (A Maguare, 1-4 lav).
3. Eutogy (D O'Sulhen, 25-1); ALSO RAN
25 Finer Room (5th), 33 Alaystic (pul, 100
Supermodel (4th), 5van Hd, 5l, 24-1, dist J
Old at Wacuphin Tote, 24-00, £130
DF £160 CSF b5.27. Alter a saveratis, inquiry, result stood. SETTIONS WIGHT, INSUR SLOOD.

3.10 (3m S1 1(0yd ch) 1, INCHCAILLOCH
(C Maude, 4-6 tay); 2, Church Luov IA
Magusto, 5-2; 3, Frozen Drop (S Fox.
9-2), ALSO RAN: 100 Woodlands Gentine
(4th) 4 ran 15-1, 61, dast J King at
Softedon, Toto: \$1,70 DF: £1,60 CSF

2.40 (2m 110 yd hdie) 1, FAR DAWN (C Maude, 5-2); 2, Fitzwilliam (J Octome, 6-5 ten), 3, Beranov (D Gallagher, 10-1) ALSO RAN, 8 Whispering Dewn, 10 Soldier Mak (Sth), 12 Go With The Wind (Sth), 33 Sonal Fiyer (4th) Veronica Franco, 66 Alarico, Henrarella, Sam Rockett, 11 ran 12, mk, 18, 6f, 3 Mist A Perpet at Pulborough, Tote: £3.10, £1 60, £1.40, 53 00 DF £3 10 Trio. £21.60, £5.82 [sectimet 2951 90] Clast K Bailey at Upper Lambourn. Total R4.20, C1.60, C1.20 DF: £3.30, CSF-£7.05

Thornton's Haydock quest

Haydock Park tomorrow.

Mick Fitzgerald, the ten-year-

old's regular partner, is on

he said.

Fakenham

Going: good
12:50 (2m hole) 1. PHARLY REEF IA
Dobbin. 7-2), 2. Cosmic Star IJ R
Navarsegh, 40-1), 3. Bitle Justice (K
Gaule, 10-1) ALSO RAN 5-2 Iav Lucy
Tutty, 11-4 Royal Standard (5th), 7
Katbellou, 8 Alosalli (6th), 14 Javas Shrine,
25 Ruth's Gamble (4th), 65 Just A Beau,
18 ran, 31, 11, 2-51, 3, 194 D Burchell at
Ebbw Vale Tote C3 70, 21 70, 05:50,
04:20 DF 1230.80 Trio 1278.20 (part
worr, pool of 1275.76 camed forward to
3,40 Cheltenham today), CSF, 1210 34
Tricast 12:09 80.
120 (2m hole) 1, LE TETEU (R
Durnocoty, 6-4 Iav), 2, Desert Mountain
(C Lieuesiyn 9-4), 3, Royal Action IJ R
Kavanagh, 11-44, ALSO RAN, 13-2 Poetry
(5th), 10 Filon, 12 Forest Boy (4th), 15
Magic Role 20 Hause Cutsine (5th), 33
Bright Epipse (pu), 8 ran, 21, 101, rtk, 211,
31 Rob Jones at Newmarkel, Tote 12:20,
CSF 12:77

E1 10, £1,80, £1,20 UF £3 80 Tino £3,80, CSF £8 77

1.55 (3m 110)/d ch) 1, DONT TELL THE
WIFE \$\mu\$ A McCarthy, "7.21; 2 Romany
Creek & Durmoody, 3-1), 3, Pathy
Ministriel (A Dobbur, 8-1) ALSO RAN
Evens (and Speaker Waasherd (R), 16 Joker
Jack (5th) 33 Good Old Chips (pu), 50
Victory Gate (4th) 7 ran, (r. 1, 5, dist, 14), £5
Egemon at Chraditeworth Tote, £3,10; £1 40, £2.20 DF £5 00 CSF £74 49
2.30 (2m 110)/d ch) 1, THE LANCER (R
Durmoody, 6-4 ½av), 2, Dr Rocket (C
Lewedyn, 12-1), 3, Winsper (J R
Kavanagh, 5-1) ALSO RAN 4 Circulation
(f), 11-2 Holy Wanderer (4th), 8 National
Flag, The Minister (8th), 33 Rustic Gent
(pu), Sounds Golden (5th) 9 ran, 2% 2, 14, 10, 181 D Gandollo at Wentage
Tote, £1,90, £140, £240, £330 DF
£7.20, Trio £12.80 CSF £20 88 Tirizast
£74.55.

3,00 (2m 51 110)/d ch), 1, JASELU (£3).

9.74 55.

9.00 (2m 5i 110yd ch) 1. JASELU (C Liewellyn, 85-40); 2, Scamallach (R Burweody, 2-1 ji-tan) 9, Prize Match (R Belicarry, 5-1). ALSO RAN 2-1 ji-tan Sophe, May (4th), 33 Pennant College (5th) 5 ran MR: Mistress Rosie 3i, 5i, 2ki det. K Bailey at Upper Lambourn. Tole

3.00 (2m 4f hole) 1, BARFORD SOV-EREIGN (A Dobbin 4-1); 2, Pedestrothe-metal (D Walsh, 13-2), 3, Wadada (U Phor. 6-1) ALSO RAN, 9-4, (Hav Lookingtor-arainbow, Pair Di Jacks (6th), 13-2 Able Player (4th), 11 Durshen (5th), 16 Alder, 25 Nagobella, 9 ran NR Sheh), 16 Alder, 25 Najobella, 9 ran NR Sheh), 16 Alder, 25 Najobella, 9 ran NR Sheh, 16 Newmarket, 161, 17, 18, 161 J Fanstrase at Newmarket, 161, 17 Tho 528, 10, CSF 534,01 Threast: 515,517 Taunton

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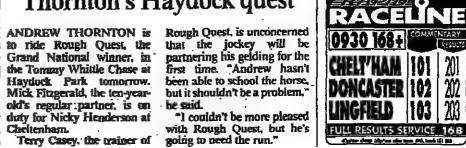
1.10 (2m. 11 hdie) 1. Yet Agten (D Bridgueder, 11-4); 2. Lucia Forte (5-2 tav), 3. Easy Ustering (8-11 13 tan 14), 41 Mass G. Kefeway 1704 2300, 51 40, 51 70 52 60 DF 55.00 The 528 30 CSF 59 52 CSF 19 62*
1.45 (2m 3f 110yd hdie) 1, Harry (D J Burchell, Evens lav), 2, Sieepnie (16-1), 3, Saracan Prince (4-1) 9 ran NR* Tribbs Irm, 7f 6l, D Burchell Tole: E2 10: £1 0. 21 30. Df £16 10 Trib £14 90, CSF £17.00

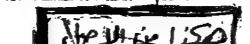
CSF C17.00
2.20 (2m 3i ch) 1, Frontier Flight (E
Husband, 16-1); 2 Brown Robber (16-1);
3, Cracking Prospect (11-1) After The
Fox, Nordic Valley 7-2 p-fax, 14 ran, 15 11
Miss L Stockell. Tote C17-60 C5-40, C4.150,
C5-20 DF: C168.70 Tno C694.20 CSF
C233 62 Tricast C2.695.83.

2.50 (3m 110yd hdle) 1. Rosie-B (Mr R Thorrson, 7-4 lay), 2. Paddysway (11-4), 3. Lugs Brannigan (5-1), 8 ran 11, 5 N Bebbage Tote: £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.50, DF \$4.00, CSF: £7.17 Tricast £21.53 3.20 (3m ch) 1, Cell Me River (1 Lawrence, 15-8 fav), 2, Cool Character (12-1); 3 Paper Star (14-1), 8 ran 2, 24-1 P Hedger Tote £2.90, £1.50, £2.10, £2.90 OF £18.00, CSF £22.38 Tocast £228.35

3.50 (2m 11 hdie) 1, Out Rentung (R Hughes, 4-5 lavi, 2, Lucky Eddle (6-1), 3, Fabulous, Micho (4-1), 5 ren 2 41 81 M Pipe Tote £1 50; £1 20, £1 90 DF £3 30, CSF: £5 70

Placepot: \$255.30. Quadpot: \$134.70. RACELINE





25 24.3 18.8 15.6 11.3 11.1

Gazza gets stuck on the bottom line





Kicking and Screaming

7 hen Rangers were 2-1 down to Hibernian on Saturday, started getting worried. This wasn't meant to happen. Those nice Hibernians in their green and white weren't supposed to beat Rangers, unless perhaps as a kind of rain-offrogs portent for Armageddon. Yet they deserved to be winning. Hibs' excellent Darren Jackson was the man of the match; while Paul Gascoigne was looking fat and scant of breath. "Are the Gers just tired?" I asked the man on my left in the press box. "Perhaps their trip to Auxerre in midweek has, you know, shagged them out a bit?"

Together we watched the exciting action on the pitch in thoughtful silence, both of us perhaps remembering that Gascoigne hadn't been to Auxerre; he'd been to the premiere of 101 Dalmatians instead (bless him). Even if I was correct, of course, it was the wrong thing to say; nobody makes allowances in sport. Behind us, rabid Rangers supporters yelled non-stop in raw, unprintable language, to the effect "Come on chaps, move your bottoms." Finally, 'Uh-huh." the man replied. But he did it in that noncommittal Scottish way that can mean anything from "That's true," to "Well, shut up then, I'm watching."

It's an odd sensation being out of your depth in Scottish football, because you know that if you suddenly stood up and said "Oh, that's enough of that," Scottish football would only come up to your knees. What's the point of the same teams all endlessly playing each other until the crack of heightened significance in a for nine years on the trot. league of such titchy dimensions. Scottish football may be tired of the "small pond" label, entertainment, the prospect of

Answers from page 38

HAPTODYSPHORIA

UMBLES

or snakeskin.

RESIPISCENCE

Gascoigne, in a rare moment of animation during one of his quieter afternoons, uses his strength to protect the ball from the attentions of Dow

but its premier division can't help but strike the outsider as tiny-weeny. The ten teams make such a short, cute list in print that you want to pat it on the head and buy it sweets.

But looking around at 48,000 dangerously worked-up Scots at Ibrox on Saturday, one had to accept that football still makes huge numbers of Protestant Glaswegians very happy. Which brings us to the other big problem - Rangers' relentless supremacy. Because even with the early setbacks on Saturday, Rangers were always destined to win the match, and the most pressing question north of the border is not whether the big fish will ever be found belly-up in the small pond, but whether it can

Well, I don't know much about sport, but in terms of

WORD WATCHING

(c) The entrails and guts of an animal, especially those of a deer, but extended to cover any entrails that are typically consumed as food, such as kidneys, liver and sweetbreads. Every schoolchild knows this to be the origin of the expression "to eat humble pie", this being the food reserved at the lowest end of the table away from the roast. Wambles are often the result of eating umbles.

(b) The shudderingly unpleasant feeling experienced by some people when they touch certain surfaces, such as suede, or silk

(b) To swarm like Ants. Formica is the Latin for an ant.

"Headmaster, I thought you ought to know. Classes II. III and Remove are formicating all over the quadrangle."

(c) Recognising the error (or errors) of one's ways, seeing reason once again. Repentance and possibly even remorse. An uncommon human sentiment. "I assure you that we are all looking forward to your eventual resipiscence. Colin."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

that is rubbish. Rangers should obviously stand down. or something. They should offer to tie Andy Goram's feet to a goalpost with elastic. All this winning can't be good for anybody. Leaving aside the effect on the players' egos (which doesn't bear thinking about). Rangers ought surely to consider the effect on dramatic suspense. Being a fan of Scottish football must be like watching those awful TV60 awards every week of your life.
"Yes, and the winner is (again)
... Morecambe and Wise!"

Ostensibly, I was at Ibrox to watch Gascoigne, but I kept forgetting about him because he was rarely in the thick of things. He set up one goal brilliantly for McCoist, but on the whole played with more commitment on Tuesday night against Dundee United (a side). On Saturday, Gazza refused to dazzle, presumably because he didn't feel like it. Whenever he lost the ball he momentarily quit playing. Perhaps things were not happy at home. Or perhaps, after the excitement of 101 Dalmatians, real life was too cruel a let-down.

ither way, I have only just come to realise that the saving grace for footballers is that every Saturday they have to run around in shorts and be shouted at. And while it doesn't make them humble, it surely offers a corrective to the insane world of suits and hair gel and white stretch limousines. For the mixed-up Gazza, I have no doubt the 90-minute inter- out apology. But then, of ludes on the pitch are the only bits of his life that make any match Rangers lost, fittingly, sense to him. No wonder he by scoring a goal for the other runs the gamut of emotions great effect. Rangers are the

when he's out there; it's the perfect side for him, since they only time he knows who he is. The big infuriating Gazza emotion, of course, is ennui. Don't act bored, you're playing a football match, move your bottom!" is what you want to tell him. But he just trots along on those funny thin legs, his square face a blank, his centre of gravity high up, somewhere inside his rib-cage. I noticed this capacity for ill-

Despite desperate urgings, he just won't move his bottom unless it suddenly occurs to him to do so. He ambled through some matches in Euro 96 like an amnesiac, taking free kicks as though they were beneath his notice, foozling corners withcourse, he would wake from what you mean," I said, wide his sleep ("Where am I?") and

timed trances in Euro 96.

win anyway. Presumably he flashes of lightning in another chewing-gum in a third. Brian Laudrup and Ally McCoist will play on; the strength of purpose doesn't change. Meanwhile, on Saturday.

amid the noise and passion, the man in the press box indicated another blond in blue, Erik Bo Andersen. "See that man?" he said, nudging me. I nodded excitedly. At last, a secret of Scottish football! "Really a heating engineer." he confided. "Not many people know that. Can't play football at all, just a mix-up." Andersen promptly made the worst unforced error I have ever seen - standing a few yards in front of an open goal, he knocked the ball wide. "I see

FOOTBALL: FIRST DIVISION CLUB PROMISES HIGH RETURN TO INVESTORS

plumber," he said.

Birmingham ready to share

continue to back the club

"This is a golden opportunity.

If you invest today in

Manchester United, you

would get relatively small growth because they are up there and have done it all.

Equally, if you invest in a

small club, there is no real

David Gold said vesterday:

alongside the new scheme.

BY OUR SPOKTS STAFF

THE FA Carling Premiership is where the big money is to be found in football and wouldbe investors in Birmingham City were promised yesterday that they would share in the windfall if the club were to be promoted to the game's highest, and richest, league.

Announcing plans to launch a £5 million share issue on the Alternative investment Market, with the money generated to be used to buy new players and redevelop the St Andrews stadium, Birmingham said that investors would double

their money in three months if future. Birmingham City is the Nationwide League first one of those rare club-busidivision club won promotion. nesses which is on the brink of Although the club's co-own-ers. David Sullivan and the exploding. If people buy shares today, then by getting brothers, Ralph and David into the Premier League they Gold, have already pumped will double their money." £8 million into City, they will

Southampton have won approval to build a £35 million, 25,000-capacity all-seat stadi-um on the outskirts of the city. Hampshire County Council has granted the FA Carling Premiership club a 125-year lease on a 73-acre site at Stoneham, near the MZ7 motorway. The club is hoping to play its first match in the new stadium before 2000.

Hartson tempers approach

eyed. "But he's a very good

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

JOHN HARTSON, the Wales striker, has played a leading role in Arsenal's rise to the top of the FA Carling Premiership this season, yet he freely admits he has got to clean up his act on the disciplinary front if he is to continue his impressive progress.

Hartson, 21, has collected nine bookings this season, one in a pre-season match and eight in his first 13 league and cup games. A three-match suspension followed. He was also substituted by Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, during the 7-1 defeat against Holland in Eindhoven last

incident involving Phillip Cocu, the Durch forward. However, after a heart-toheart chat with Tony Adams, the Arsenal captain, Hartson is now channelling his aggression in a more acceptable form. He has made six appearances without a caution since he spoke with Adams and will need to show similar restraint when Wales play Turkey in a World Cup qualifying match at the National Stadium in Cardiff tomorrow.

month after an off-the-ball

The incident in Holland was pure frustration," Hartson said yesterday. "We were 5-1 down and 1 just lashed out. I was trying to show a bit of passion and it came out the wrong way: obviously. I regret it now."

Vinnie Junes, another often tempestuous character, captained Wales for the first time in Eindhoven but will revert to vice-captain tomorrow with the return of Barry Home from injury. "It's one of the most important games I've been involved in, he said.

about his future at Wimblethe end of the season and negotiations with Sam Hammam, not gone according to plan. "Sam's got this pay-as-you-play scenario, but I don't want that," Jones said.

Mountain or molehill?

igame

United States of Auger. Radio 4, 9.45am.

Gavin Esler, the BBC's man in North America, is not normally guilty of making mountains out of molehills, but I can't help feeling he has constructed something of a hillock this morning. In New Hampshire, after chatting with two voters — there are 800,000 in the state — he asserts that the American dream is dead or on it last legs. His evidence? One breadwinner has lost his job and can't ger another. Then a wife tells him she lost her faith in Bill Clinton when he changed from being anti-abortion to pro-abortion. However, Esler changed from being anti-abortion to pro-abortion. However, Esler produces some better-founded evidence of national disillusionment when he lists some political jesters in America's theatre of the absurd. They include the man who had hoped to move into the White House when the present tenant was forced to move out.

ters: Radio 3, 10.00am.

The golden thread that has linked this week's editions of Musical Encounters is the voice of Cecilia Bartoli, the Italian mezzo. She is one of the wonders of the age. You can hear her this morning, round about 10.55, singing Haydn's cantata Arianna a Naxos. It has been said of Bartoli that her singing is a self-portrait in sound. This implies that, personally, she is the quintessence of joy, and when you hear her sing Mozart's Ensulant Jubilate or practically anything from her considerable Rossini repertoire — she is a Rossini singer par excellence — it is impossible not to believe it.

Peter Davalle

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RADIO 2

6,00am Serah Kannedy 7,30 Wake up to Wogan 9,30 Ken Bruce 11,30 Jimmy Young 1,30pm Debbia Thrower 3,00 Ed Stewart 5,05 John Dunn 7,00 Wowfabgroowy. New quiz series with Johnnie Walker 7,30 Friday Night le Music Night From the Hippodrome in Goldens Green. Robin Boyle introduces the BBC Concert Cachestra 8,45 Janualca Inn (7/10) 9,00 Listen to the Bend 18,00 Sheriden Modey 12,05em

RADIO 5 LIVE

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CLASSIC FM

6,00 Henry Kelly 12,00 Susannah Smors 2,00pm Concerto FJ. Haydn (Double Horn Concerto In E flat major) 3,00 Jamie Crick 6,00 Newsnight 6,30 Sonata, Rossini String Sonata No 5 in D major)7,00 Showcasa 8,00 Concert. Mendelscolin (Hebridess Overture Op 26, Roman's Cassal String test (TIE Substantial) Fingal's Cave); Strauss (Tit Euler spigals lusige Straiche); Mozart (Flute and Harp Concerto in C, (C229); Brahms (Symphony Nor 4 in E minor, Op 980 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00em Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00em Ruse 'n' Jono's Breakfast (2) Experience 10.00 Graham Dene 11.00pm Jerenny Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Mark Forms1 2.00mm Howard Paurce

6.00em On Air, Elger (Enigme Veriations); Tchaikovsky Gliconny a Lorary, Humman (Rondeau Brilliant in G. Op 125); Verschni (Overture No 6 in B flat); Goltscheik (Minut) Soville; La deudeme banjo); Boocherini (String Quartet in Gl

8.50 An Alfwed Calendar Morning Collectio Cherubini (Overture: Anacreon); Dvořák (Sient Woods); Janecek (Misoli); Rachmaninov (Suite No 2) Musical Errodumers, See

Choice

12.00 Composer of the Week: Robert Simpson 1.00 News, Bratio Lunchthes Concerts. Continuing the series of concerts from St George's. Brandon Hill, Bristol. Anya Alexsev, plano. Haydn (Pisno Sonata in G, H XVI 8); Ravel (Menuet sur Is Nom d'Haydn); Schubert (Pisno Sonata in C minor, D958).

Preoccupations. A series in

2.00 Pre cupations. A series in 2.00 Preoccupations. A sense in which leading musiclens talk about matters close to their heart. Today, conductor Nicholas McGegan describes his magical garden in Berkeley, California

2.06 Monteverdi. Su pastorell

2.06 Monteverdi. Su pastorelii vazzosi; Zefiro toma. Guy de Mey and Martin Klietmann, tenors, Jossef Gregor, bass, Capeas Savaria under Nichola. McGegan

2.15 Music Restored. Chris de Souza introduces the last of

Souza introduces the last of four programmes recorded at the Royal Academy of Music, London, to mark the 450th armiversary of the death of

Martin Luther (r)
3.00 Milning the Archive. Bernard
Keeffe explores the Me of the 5.00 The Music Machine, Tommy Pearson talks to Deniel Barenbolm, music director of the Chicago Symphony

5.15 In Tune. Sessione (Suite: The Black Maskers); Alessandro Scarlatti (Christmas Cantata: O di Battemme Altara Poverta); Martinu (The Tale of Puse in Boots)

1.30 BBC Mattonal Orchason of Wales. The composer James MacMillan conducts his Vent, veni Emmanuel with

Jan res Maturalian conduces his Yeni, vera Emmeruel with percussionist Evelyn Glennie, for whom it was written 8,00 An Advent Anthology, A seasonal selection of classic favourities and recently published poethy 8,30 Connect self two With Ian Concert, part two. With lan Sostridge, tenor, the BBC National Chorus of Weles and the Birmingham Symphony Youth Chorus, Lander Simon Helsey, Britten (St Nicoles) 8.40 Present Tense: The Enduring World of the Innu, wift James Wilson (5/5)

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Enduring World of the Innu, with James Wilson (5/5)

10.00 Hear and Now. Stephan Pratt introduces the lest edition from this year's Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival. Includes the British premiere of Stockhausen's Libra, a theatre piece for bass clarinal and electronics and the world premiere of Gerald Barn's Plano Queste No. 2

world premiere of Gerald Barry's Plano Quartet No 2 12.00 Composer of the Week: Lutly (r) 1.00am Through the Night 12.00 Cd

RADIO 4

Ruddles County Riddles. No. 13. Pub Challenge.

The challenge was set.

He did not know behind

which door (they were

marked 1 and 2] lay which

priza. Beside each door

stood a barmen to help him

for Pater Baresworthy it of the doors, lay the prize, was a dream come true. He had a voucher for unlimited

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was the 1996 Hertfordshire access to the love of his life -Pub Quiz Championship after Raddles County.

six greelling rounds. But his victory was by

no means final. He had yet to claim the prize.

He was placed in the

bar of the Queen's Head Pub is Westcott. There were

two doors, each leading to However, the eatek was different rooms. Behind one that one of the barmen had been instructed to lie, but Peter did not know which.

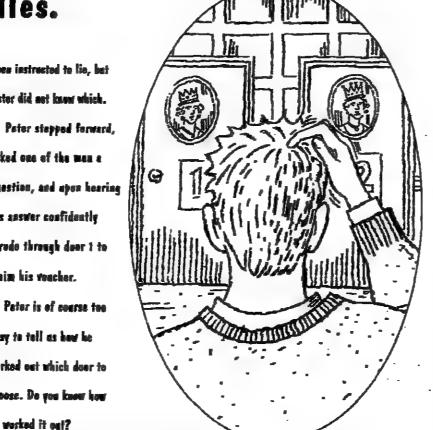
asked one of the men a question, and upon hearing

his asswer confidently strade through door 1 to elaim his voucher.

Peter is of course too busy to tell as how he decide which door to choose. Worked out which door to choose. Do you know how

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he worked it out?



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"We've simply got to win." Jones is equally concerned don. His contract expires at the Wimbledon owner, have

5.55 Shipping (LW) 6.00 News Briefing incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 6.58

2.00 News 9.05 Desert Island
Discs. Fertility specialist
Professor Robert Winston (r)
9.45 United States of Anger, See 9.45 United States of Anger. See Choice (2/6) 10.00 News; in the Grip of the Glossies (FM). The last of the programmes paying homage to women's magazines, with Liz Lockheed (4/4) 10.00 An Act of Worship (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.20 Wessel's Hour 11.30 The Natural History Programme

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Programme
12.00pm News: You and Yours.
Mark Whitaker presents
reports on consumer and
social alfairs
12.25 The Food Programme.
Food intolerances and
allergies — are they on the
increase? 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with New 1.00 The World at One, with Nick

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 Neims Classic Serial: Cyteno de Bergerae.

Edmond Rostand's classic
play, translated by Anthony
Burgess. With Alex Norton,
Emma Fielding and Jonathan
Cullen (1/2) (f)
3.00 News; The Afternoors Shift,
with Laria Today.

with Laurie Taylor

4.00 Name 4.05 Kaladeacope
Tan Merlow Investigation the

ancient at of colouring of sculpture 4.45 Short Story, Goodbye Short Story: Goodbye Africa, by Mguigi Wa Thiong'o. Read by Jack Kaff 5.00 PM with Charle Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.56 Westing

6.00 Str O'clock News
6.30 Going Places. David Stafford with more ideas for enjoying a great British weekend
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week. Chris Serie presents his selection of edirects from EBC radio and television over the past seven talevision over the past seven 6.05 Any Questions? Discussion from South Woodham

Ferrers, Essex, with Sir David Naish; Helana Kennedy, OC; Professor Colin Blakernore; and Julie Cleverdon, Nick Clarke in in New York and Julie Cleverdon, Nick Clarka is in the chair

8.50 Law in Action. Marcel Berlins presents the last in the current series

9.15 Latter from America, by Alistair Cooke

9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Supporting Role. David Owen Norris takes a look of the accompanist's every view of

the accompanist's eye view of the music world (r) 9,59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

Robin Lustig
18.45 Book at Bedtime: The
Great Pursuit. Tom Sharpe's
comic novel. Read by Wille
Brighter (Stro)

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11,00 Week Ending. The topical comedy sketch show, starring Sally Grace, Meera Syst and Dave Lamb

11,25 Fourth Column. A quizzical look at life. 11.25 FOURTH COURTH, A QUESTION INC. As file
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00am News Incl 12.27 Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Milk and
Pointoes, by John Tunney (f)
1.00 As World Service

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Steamed, spit-roasted and finally soused

Thether the Turkish bath has become a compulsory subject yet at British film schools, I'm not sure. But if it hasn't, it should. It's virtually impossible to make a make a bad documentary about communal bathing, which must be encouraging if you're at the beginning of a career behind the camera. On the other hand, it's virtually impossible to make an original film about the subject: a suitable cinematic

challenge for the ambitious. With scarcely a week going by without somebody ringing to say we've got this sturning film set in a municipal bathhouse ... I've become something of a an expert in the genre. Basically there are two sorts - if its men's night, it. will be lots of stark naked chaps: explaining why there is absolutely nothing strange about slapping a stranger with a huge bit of disgusting looking sponge. And if the effort. it's the women's turn ... you get

last night's Women at Play: Turkish Delight (Channel 4) lots of artfully draped white towels (they're not silly) and lots of chat about how nice it is to get away from husbands, boyfriends, children and jobs.

Noemie Mendelle's effort may have scored modestly on the originality front, but it was sufficiently beautiful for all involved to take encouragement from the project. Ten out of ten, then, for artistic impression.

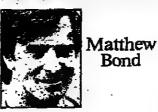
But scoring any points for originality at all is an achievement. when its comes to the soggy-fly-onthe-tiling documentary — and Mendelle scored some. True, she may have been pushing it a little by using speeded-up film to suggest that leafy Harrogate was the epicentre of urban stress, but those of us who live in more seriously. metropolitan areas appreciated

A clever mix of soft-focus and

esty, while playful editing teasingly promised more but rarely delivered. Goodness, we chaps are easily led. One sequence in particular stuck in the memory. Through a double protective layer of misted-up glass and clouds of steam, the camera tracked the length of something the trained eye would just about recognise as female and naked. But, at the very second the focus hardened to put the matter beyond doubt, the magazine that was previously being read was placed over an area of more strategic importance.

Tor those who know their Oxford folklore, it's a manocuvre once executed - in reverse — by Maurice Bowra when caught off-guard at Parsons Pleasure, the university's infamous nude bathing spot. "I don't know how people recognise you old chap ... " For those who don't,





it was a wonderful bit of choreog-

Bond

raphy, in keeping with the rest of this prettily executed film. Having relaxed us, Channel 4 then set out to feed us with TV Dinners. An evening of complete indulgence stretched pleasurably ahead. But what I am thinking of, this was Channel 4. There was a price to be paid. But more of Dispatches in a moment. First, TV Dinners, which is

turning into a hugely enjoyable series, helped by the restrained backseat role that Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, its presenter, is content to play. He happily lets the amateur cooks get on with their elaborate preparations, politely offering now and then to do some of the nastier jobs. Gutting fish? Prising open the teeth of a freshly killed pig? Nothing is too unpleas-ant for F-W, as those who recall his masterclass in skinning an eel from an earlier series can attest.

First, take a six-inch nail ..." The first of last night's cooks was Fred Carr, stockbroker and enthusiastic spit-roaster. Carr thought that spit-roasting appealed to the 18th-century gentleman in him. But by the end of the marathon preparations, it was 20th-century frailties that were to the fore. Whether it was making the stuffing (a level bucketful will suffice), inserting the custom-made spit (not a job for the squeamish, but

perfect for F-W) or sitting under the hot Colswold sun for six hours turning it, who knows? But Carr found himself in the position of so many cooks when they have laboured too long and too hard. His guests were wolfing it down, but he had a headache and wasn't hungry: "I'm drinking Coca-Cola and not eating very much pork."

ather more trencherman spirit was demonstrated by Peter Snow, an artist whose birthday supper was cooked (and photographed for reference) by his daughter and fellow brush-wielder, Selina. She took him on a day trip to Boulogne, where she bought fresh sea-bream and he sneaked off for Calvados and cake. Back home, supper was the fish, followed by prune and Armagnac tart. Her father's verdict? "The Armagnac sounds nice." Selina. no doubt wise to her father's mores (not to mention his much mores)

poured two huge measures of Calvados. "Is that enough, do you think?" mused her father.

Quite enough, if last night's Dispatches (Channel 4) is to be believed, which laid an early claim to this year's Bah, Humbug Award with an untimely look at alcohol abuse. The programme raised a number of sobering points (and in the process did nothing for the already much-maligned image of Glasgow) but got itself -- and me thoroughly confused by at-tempting to pin all alcohol-related problems on to the Portman Group, a drinks industry-funded pressure group. The group, as thereporter Sarah Spiller showed. had many difficult questions to answer, but really could not be held responsible for all alcoholic ills. The only answer, according to the experts, is something scary called whole population control. Here's to Christmas in the last chance saloon, then,

BBC1

ALOUSIN BUSINESS BREAKFAST (86665) -7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS (T) (40023). 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (T) (1968058)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (4841077) 9.45 KILROY Topical discussion series

(6504226)10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK With Ainsley Harriott and two reluctant cooks (26868)

11.00 NEWS (T), regional news and weather-(3297110) 11.05 The Really Useful Show. Consumer advice (\$298023): 11.45 Smillie's People (1339954)

12.00 NEWS (1), regional news and weather (5826987) 12.05pm Alias Smith and Jones. Lighthearted western adventures (r) (8261874) 12.55 The Weather Show

1.00 NEWS (T) and weether (43110) 1.30

1.40 NEIGHBOURS (T) (29648110) 2.00 Call My Bluff, Word game with Bob Holness, Sendi Toksvig and Alen Coren (3313) 2.30 Peter Seatrook's Gerdening Week. Seasonal advice for the green-fingered (787) 3.00 incognito (5348)

3.30 ANTS IN YOUR PANTS (5982058) 3.50 The Family Ness († (6910503) 3.65 Deer Mr Banker (2804482) 4.10 The Real Adventures of Jonny Quest (†) (1809232) 4.35 Grange Hill (r) (T) (7695145) 5.00 Newsround (T) (5253706) 5.10 Blue Pater (1) (8482313)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (f) (T) (909416) 8.00 NEWS (1) and weather (418)

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES (668) 7.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE Michael Aspel emotionally muge enother unsuspecting worthy (T) (7329)

7.30 TOP OF THE POPS (1) (752) 8.00 ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES Another chance to see this classic episode from and Nicholas Lynchurst, Rodgey and

Albert are concerned about the imminent birth of "son of Def" (r) (T) (235961) 8.50 MORE ANTIQUES ROADSHOW GEMS Hugh Scully presents a selection

cotton and wool (T) (293313) 9,00 NEWS (I), regional news and weather

9,50 HETTY WAINTHROPP INVESTIGATES Patricia Routledge es a 60-year-old private detective. This week she is asked to find the mayor's daughter — without

alerting the police (T) (419503) 10.25 FILM: Any Which Way You Can (1980): A sequel to Every Which Way But Loose, starring Clint Eastwood as a prizelighting trucker who attracts the attention of a mobster looking for a challenger for his lighter. Directed by Suddy Van Horn (1) (338752) WALES: Irle Waterns 10.58 FILM: Any Which Way You Can 12,45a FILM: The People Under the Stairs 2.25

12.10am FiLM: The People Under the Stairs (1991). A horror movie starring Brandon Adams and Everett McGill. Directed by Wes Craven (1) (555849) 1.50 WEATHER (8219827)

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8.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: Rural India — A Vuinerable Life (7660042) 6.25 Developing World (7752077) 8.50 The Daveloping World (8993139) 7.15 See Hear Brealdsst News (2912226) 7.30 Yakky Duck (5833110) 7.50 Smart (5844226) 8.15 Charlie Chalk (7037619) 8.35 The Record (6043232) 9.00 The Complete Guide To The 20th Century (1748232) 9.10 My Father, My Country (1748232) 9.10 My Father, My Country (5388226) 10.00 Playdays (2411077) 10.25 The Champions (8175752) 11.15 The Phil Silvers Show (2228400) 11.40 Flash Gordon's Trip To Mars (3038987) 12.00 . Operation Survival (73990) 12.30pm Working Lunch (32961) 1.00 Chartie Chalk (99734874) 1.15 The Oprah Wintrey Show (T) (8319110)

1.55 MINROR MIRROR (29747435) 2.15 SPORT ON FRIDAY with Helen Rollason, includes golf, skiling and news of England's cricket tour of Zimbelbwe, with Graham Gooch (843110)

3.55 NEWS (1) (6917416) 4.00 Today's the Day (1) (481) 4.30 Ready, Steedy, Cook

5.00 ESTHER: Bom in Unusual Places (8435) 5.30 GOING, GOING, GONE (145) ELDO THE MILINETERS (DVM) (901435) 6.25 UFO Colonel Foster is tried for esploringe



Actress Miranda Richardson (7.15pm)

HUMAN RIGHTS, HUMAN WRONGS: Gay Rights Miranda Richardson talks about the persecution of gay men and lesbians around the world (466752)

7.30 FIRST SIGHT (394) Water: Gluck, Gluck, Gluck EAST: Matter of Fact MEDIANDS: Midlands Report NORTH/ NORTH EAST/SOUTH WEST/WEST: Close Up SOUTH: Southern Eye

8.00 GLUCK, GLUCK, GLUCK Do restau rants excessively mark up bottles of wine? (T) (4619) WALES: 8.00 in Praise of Older Women

8.30 STEFAN BUCZACKT'S BARDENING BRITAIN The tour reaches Ellesmere in Shropshire where Stelan is joined by a team of experts to offer advice on keeping houseplants healthy and coping with kitcheri garden catestrophes (1)

9.00 SHOOTING STARS Reeves and Mortimer's quests are Dervia Kirwan, Zoe. Ball, Eric Hall and Roy Walker (T) (1936) 9.30 RED DWARF Vt. Rimmer and When the ship begins to disintegrate, Rimmer settlessly takes the only remaining escape pod (r) (1) (58597)

10.00 HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU (12819) 10.30 NEWSNIGHT (1) (777495)

17.15 THE A FORCE A night of black entertainment (482313) 1.15am HUMAN RIGHTS, HUMAN

CHOICE Human Rights, Human Wrongs: Gay and

BBC2, 7.15pm

The actress Miranda Richardson rounds off the week of programmes on the rights of minorities by highlighting the repression and persecution of lesbians and gay men. Even in supposedly enlightened Britain it remains a sensitive area. The programme offers cogent evidence of continued hostility, discrimination and brutality. One man tells how he was beaten up in a car park. But this is nothing compared with what the gay community has to endure elsewhere. In Romania, though the country has moved on from the terror of the Ceausescu regime, homosexual men and women still face up to ive years in prison. In Central and South America gay men are targeted by death squads. In Iran a lesbian can be put to death on the evidence of "four righteous men".

Lonely Planet: New York Channel 4, 8.00pm

Cheeky chappie Ian Wright heads for the Big Apple, the first time this series has featured a big city, and is determined as usual not to play the conventional tourist. He ruins this admirable intention early on by emulating every other visitor to New York and heading for the Statue of Liberty. He also follows the orthodox guidebook trail to the graffiticovered subway and the Empire State building. But just when you were beginning to think that Wright had defected to the Judith Chalmers school of travel programmes, up he pops in less predictable places. He hobnobs with the Jews of the Lower East Side, stops off on the little-known City Island by the Bronx, goes fishing and checks out the seaside resorts of Coney Island and Brighton Beach. He even stays out late at night without getting mugged.

In the Wild: Asian Elephants With Goldse Hawn TV. 9.00pm

The celebrity wildlife series finds Goldie Hawn touring India in search of elephants. She has fallen in love with them, she tells us, and "once you love the elephant, you have to love India". The love in is conducted with all the Hollywood schmaltz Hawn can muster. She drools, squeals, sobs, plays the twittering innocent and generally never lets us forget that she is the big movie star. But she is prepared to risk her dignity by helping she is prepared to risk her dignity by helping to wash down one elephant and riding another, gamely trying to steer it with her bare feet. Wrapped up in this performance is a serious message about trying to save a declining species. The elephant is dying out because India's large and rapidly increasing population is destroying its habitat. But Hawn is hohest enough to concede that a balance must be struck. belance must be struck.

Channel 4, 9,30pm

Friends of Frasier are in for a treat as a double helping of the American sitcom rounds off the present series. Starting from the basic joke of a shrink who is in as much need of help as any of his patients, the show has ambled benignly on, always aware of its limitations and content to work within them. Rooted to a couple of sets, it often consists of title more than a series of loosely connected gags built around lamiliar characters whose behaviour patterns do not change. It is a soothing formula, guaranteed not to joit you out of your seat. The founding joke resurfaces tonight as Kelsey Grammer's Frasier becomes obsessed with a member of the public who has dared to criticise his radio phone-in. Frasier will not rest content until the poor man has been hunted down and forced to explain himself. Peter Waymark

6.00em GMTV (7990145) 9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (T) (4753868) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (T) (2325226)

10.00 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (21400) 10.30 THIS MORNING (60564565) 12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (r) (3921351) 12.30 NEWS (1) and weather (9716690) 12.55 MURDER, SHE WROTE (1) (9499139) 2.00 HOME AND AWAY (T) (61569464) 2.25 CROSS WITS (I) (68319941)

2.55 YAN CAN DOOK - THE BEST OF CHZMA (3588990) 3.20 ITN NEWS (T) (7041400) 3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (I) (7040771)

2.30 JAYS WORLD (7759333) 3.40 ZZZAP! Christmas Annuals (8305477) 3.55 The Treacte People Christmas Special (5989961) 4.15 Hurricanes (T) (1720771) 4.40 Art Attack Christmas Cracker (T)

5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (7207313) 5.40 NEWS (1) and weather (352139) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (1) (998961) 6.25 REGIONAL NEWS (T) (158874) 7.00 CATCHPHRASE presented by Roy

Walker (T) (9597) 7.20 CORONATION STREET Des thinks he knows who to blame when Claire receives a letter from the RAF about her pension

8.00 THE BILL: Stolen Klasse When a nursery school cleaner takes a young girl hostage, Monroe and Datta uncover a trecuc terraly secret (T) (1145)

8.20 FAITH IN THE FUTURE Faith latches on to Hannah's business venture as an opportunity to develop her hobby, Starring Lynda Beltingham and Julia Sawalha (1) (7752)



Goldle's close encounter (9.00cm)

IN THE WILD: Anim Elephants with Goldle

Hawn (1) (2961) 10,00 NEWS (I) and weather (23495) 10,30 REGIONAL NEWS (298077) 10.40 FILM: DELIVERANCE (1972) starring

Burt Reynolds, Jon Voight and Ned Beatty, Classic adventure thriller about four Atlanta businessmen heading for the American backwoods for what's aupposed to be a relaxing fishing trip. Directed by John Boorman (50774435) 12.45am ED'S NIGHT PARTY (50578)

1.15 FUNNY BUSINESS (40191) 1.45 THE GOOD BEX GUIDE...LATE

2.45 BUSHELL ON THE BOX (1) (30714) 3,15 WAR AND REMEMBRANCE Last in series (r) (451646)

5.00 INTERNATIONAL TOURING CARS (1) 5.30 NEWS (31849)

12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (9628481) 1.25 CROSS WITS (30279042) 1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (29652313) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7207313) 0.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS AND WEATHER

As HTV West except:

10.40 CENTRAL WEEKEND (230711D) 12.10am SLEDGE HAMMER (6175559) 12.45 COMEDY CENTRAL (472820) 2.45 CYBER CAFE (30714) 3.15 HELTER SKELTER (5065337) 4.05 JOSFINDER (3366627) 5.20 ASIAN EYE (1983288)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except **12.55 CORONATION STREET (9628481)** 1.25-1.56 CROSSWITS (30279042) 1.55 HOME AND AWAY (21285394) 2.25 HIGH ROAD (88319941) 2.55-3.20 GARDENERS' DIARY (3588990) 5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (7207313) 6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (44706) 10.30 WESTCOUNTRY NEWS (289329) 10.45 FIRE AND STEEL (159348)

11.15 Film: REBEL ROUSERS (515435) WERDIAN

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5.00em FREESCREEN (75998) ANGLIA

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Angela Lansbury (9389139) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7207313) 6.30-7.00 ANGLIA NEWS (936) 10.40 SHORT SHARP SHOCKS (552787) 10.50 Film: SHE WOKE UP (51738145)

STATE SAC Starts: 6.30am THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ (60990) 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (39961) 9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER (66315394) 11.45 THE VERTICAL LOAD (1371435) 11.50 HOW TO BE AMERICAN (3623042) 12.00 SESAME STREET (40936) 1.00pm SLOT METTHRIN (49348) 1.30 ROOTY TOOT TOOT (23321464) 1.45 RACING FROM CHELTENHAM (84503313) 4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (357) 4.30 DESPERATELY SEEKING SOMETHING [961) 5.00 5 PUMP (3503) 5.30 COUNTDOWN (313) 6.00 NEWYDDION (791665) 6.05 HEMO (810138) 6.35 SION A SIAN (165706) 7.00 POBOL Y CWM (103771) 7.25 TERMINAL 3 (361684) 8.00 CEFN GWLAD (9787) 8.30 NEWYDDION (5394) 9.00 TU FEWN — TU FAS (2413) 10.00 BROOKSIDE (23477) 10.30 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY? (351435) 11.05 TFI FRIDAY (512394) 12.10am THE ADAM

AND JOE SHOW (2329424) 12.40 Film: I MONSTER (1446004) 2.00 Film: CIRCUS OF FEAR (606849) 3.35 Film: LADIES OF

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6.30mm THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF CIZ (t) (60990) 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (29951)

9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER (13394) 9.30 FILM: Pride of the Marines (1945) A lact-based drama starring John Garfield as a US Marine who is blinded while serving in the Pacific. Directed by Delmar

11.45 AUSTRALIA WILD (r) (1) (981394)

12.15pm BOX FULL OF STORIES (r) (1542400) 12.40 SESAME STREET (3350481) 1.40 CHANNEL 4 RACING FROM CHELTENHAM Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 1.55, 2.30, 3.05 and 3.40 races (48650597)

4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (T) (357) 4.30 COUNTDOWN: The Search for the

Supreme Champion (T) (961) 5.00 TV DINNERS (r) (T) (3503) 5,30 OVER THE GARDEN WALL The plents of the Avon and Cheddar Gorges. Plus the national collections of pinks in Hereford and clematis in Wordestershire

6.00 TFI FRIDAY The guests include Rachel Hunter and Angus Desyton (42348) 7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (1) (281329)

7.55 THE SLOT (428752) 8.00 LONELY PLANET Ian Wright visits New York (1) (9787)

0.30 BROOKSIDE JC decides to take the law into his own hands; Jimmy is de to leave the Close for good (I) (5394)

8.00 CAROLINE IN THE CITY: Caroline und the Married Man American comedy series starring Les Thompson, Richard wresties with his conscience when he inadvertently sets up Caroline with a married man (T) (2232)



A double dose of Dr Crane (9,30pm)

9.30 FRASIER A double bill of the ewend-winning comedy (T) (85139)

10.30 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY? Improvised comedy with Clive Anderson 11.05 TFI FRIDAY (r) (512394)

12.10am THE ADAM AND JOE SHOW starring Adam Suxton and Joe Cornish (2329424)

12.40 FiLM: I, Monster (1971) A reworking of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, sterring Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing Directed by Stephen Weeks (1446004) 2.00 FILM: Circus of Fear (1967) A thriller starring Leo Genn and Christopher Lee Directed by Werner Jacobs and John Llewellyn Moxey (606849)

3.35 FILM: Ladies of Leisure (1930, b/w) A romantic drama staming Barbara Stamwyck and Palph Graves Directed by Frank Capra (904714). Ends at 5.25

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7.00em Love Connection (4303655) 7.20 Press You Luck (4496519) 7.40 Jeopardy (3540139) 8.10 Hotel (5955939) 9.00 Another World (2553969) 9.45 Oprah-Wintrey (7301951) 10.40 Real TV (4231874) 11.10 Salty Jessy Raphale (9863874) 12.00 Geratdo (23042) 1.00pa 1 to 3 (6313) 3.00 Jerry Jones (88329) 4.00 Oprah Wintrey (95936) 5.00 Star Treic The Ned Generation (6329) 6.00 New Adventures of Winthew (95536) 5.00 Star Trek. The Next Generation (6329) 6.00 New Adventures of Superman (99226) 7.00 The Simpsons (7058) 7.30 MTA-STH (9771) 6.00 Med About You (9706) 6.30 Coppers (2313) 9.00 Walter, Tours Ranger (29481) 10.00 Star Trek. The Next Generation (3966) 11.00 New Adventures of Superman (79503) 12.00 LAP.D (74578) 12.20taps Real TV

7.00pm Star Trek Deep Space Nine (1459674) 8.00 Nowhere Man (1362394) (1435074) 3.00 Models for (1455056) 10.00 Fire (1455145) 11.00 Late Show, with David Letterman (1700666) 12.00 Fil.M: Return to Salem's Lot (2102714) 2.00m; Fil. Max

SKY NEWS

6.00mm A Christmas Romance (1994) (40348) 8.00 The Southern Star (1969) (44329) 10.00 Son of the Pink Penther (4329) 10.00 Son of the Platk Parther (1993) (85223) 12.00 Cult Reacure (1994) (54752) 2.00 pm Christman Without Snow (1990) (26349) 4.00 Best Shat (1996) (4951) 6.00 Son of the Platk Parther (1992) (23584) 8.00 The Brady Bunch Movie (1995) (18229) 10.00 Wes Craven Presents Mind Ripper (1995) (979023) 11.40 Day of Rectoning (1994) 1446145) 1.15am Death Mackles (1994) 6735378 2.10 M Sutherfive (1994) 6735378 2.10 M Sutherfive (1994)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sty Morker Chair Informer at 10pm, 6.00mm Mouse Tracks (4122145) 6.25 Cuack Allack (4039752) 6.30 Bonfers (9015232) 7.46 Derkwing Duck (8243954) 7.40 Alackin (3412232) 8.05 Cuack Pack (3903633) 8.30 Timon and Pumbas (3167936) 8.40 Sing Me a Story (8080665) 8.06 Groundling Marsh (563765) 9.30 Big Gerage (9149752) 8.45 Lamb Chop (153684) 10.15 Mupper Bebies (7914913) 10.40 Advantures in Wonderland (7734329) 11.10 Mouse Track (8095238) 12.35 Lamb Chop (1469752) 1.05 (392348) 12.35 Lamb Chop (1469752) 1.06 (3967368) 1.35 Derkwing Duck (94393955) 2.25 Bonkers (86569519) 2.50 Cuack Allack (3344705) 3.20 Tarach and Pumbas (9760042) 3.30

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

7,00mm Scotts Centre (33771) 7,30 Wresting (70874) 8,30 Recing Nexts. (23874)
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4.00pm The Sky's the Lindt (1943) (8791232) 8.00 Our Man Flint (1968) (3015771) 8.00 The San Wolver (1960) (3190418) 10.00 Fetal Beauty (1967) (9408708) 11.45 Margin for Marder (1961) (195133) 1.20mm A Day at the Races (1937) (2048191) 3.10-8.20 Revident Hervest (1942) (17178307)

(8869810) 2.50 Quark Allack (3344705) 3.20 Traxin and Pumbas (9760042) 3.30 Gool Troop (7879898) 3.85 Trinon and Pumbas (1279855) 4.05 Gool Troop (8515477) 4.35 Bonkers (2368229) 5.00 Alacidin (750025) 5.25 Trinon and Pumbas (3803855) 5.35 Darkeng Duck (503882) 6.00 Sky Trackers (6145) 8.30 Freely Findly (68928313) 8.10-10.00 Fills: The Contract Company (1992825) 5.00 Fills: The Company (1992825) 5.00 Fills

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12.00 Cricket: Best of All Time (43625491)
1.00pm League Review (12989396) 2.30
World of Salting (33871398) 3.00 Pool
Moscorii Lun 1995 (11633400) 5.30 World
of Speed and Beauty (83675752) 6.00
Surfing Tour (43821665) 7.00 Footbal:
Preston v Blackpool — Live (36632023)
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12.00 The Rugby Club (60780708)

EUROSPORT 7.50em Saling (10874): 8.00 Eurohan (46771) 8.30 Skiing: World Cup Women's Class States (82155) 16.30 Skiing: World Cup Men's Downhill — Live (64888) 11.30 Skiing: World Cup Men's Downhill — Live (64888) 11.30 Skiing: World Cup Women's Gant Salom (52706) 1.00psis Freestyle Skiing: World Cup— Live (72684) 2.00 Swimming — Live (36139) 9.30 Poot World Trickshot Masters (4145) 4.00 International Motorsports Report (29349) 8.00 Ski Spootal (3110) 6.00 Snocher: Germen Open — Live (50110) port (28349) Sub Sie Spublis (3110) dubit Snocker, German Open — Live (30110) 9.00 Swimming (29222) 9.30 Sumo (89139) 10.30 Abrilencs: Monaco IAAF Caia (3943) 11.00 Snowboarding (30077) 11.30-12.20mm Boxing: 10 Rounds Hamywegin

6.00am Krypton Factor (5848955) 6.30 Tickle on the Turn (29413684) 6.45 Tame for a Story (82693077) 7.00 Alson's (7314752) 7.15 Tickle on the Turn (8482232) 7.15 Catwearte (147723) 8.06 Classic Corona non St (1618400) 6.30 Krypton Factor (1617771) 9.00 Families (1609023) 9.30



Helen Hunt and Paul Reiser in Mad About You (Sky One, 8.00pm)

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GRANADA GOOD LIFE

From 5.00am-9.00 TV High Street. Includes consumer news and learness From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine. Includes reciped and idoes from Delta Shath From 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty.

THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pen Biography Michelangelo (2078690) 5.00 Ancient Mysteres (1741619) 6.00 Wespons of War (4214874) 7.00-8.00 Biography: Nison (6774077)

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THE SCHFI CHANNEL

TLC/DISCOVERY 9.00am The Joy of Painting (4873706) 8.30 Gardeners Daty (2140145) 10.00 Go Fishing (9355313) 10.30 Hometime (4862590) 11.00 The Restantion Garde (4882590) 11.00 The Restoration Garre (1471481) 11.30 Crethuses (1472110) 12.00 Two's Country Cooking (4780142) 12.30 ptc Graham Kerr (2144961) 1.00 Yan Can Cook (1028139) 1.30 Home Again(214232) 2.00 Furniture to Go (7831694) 2.30 Grow Your Greens (8354416) 3.00 Rick Hurd's Fishing Adven-

tures (702:e19) 3:30-4,00 This Okt House DISCOVERY takes over at 4.00pm. 4.00pm Fishing Adventures (827:868) 4:30 Roadshow (8261752) 5:00 Time Travelers gs (2056752) 7.00 Next Step (7935400) Mystenous World (8262481) 8.00 and Born Killers (1879058) 9.00 Justice Files (1786384) 10,00 Porsche The Racing Legend (1789481) 11,00 Not Too Young to Die (1101416) 12,00 Wings of the Red Star (8218530) 1,00een The Extremists

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UK GOLD

7.00em Going for Gold (2782771) 7.35 Crossicads (2486110) 8.00 Neighbours (9103690) 8.25 EastEnders (2486884) 9.00 The Bill (4779936) 9.30 Column (856771) 10.30 The Sullivans (4871348) 11.00 The Onedin Line (1019481) 12.00 Crossroads (40615597) 12.25ptt Neighbours (40618684) 12.55 EastEnders (1601481) 1.30 A Chip Off the Old Block (2145690) 2.00 The Two Romass (\$058400) 3.00 Sale 2.00 The Two Royanes (3658400) 3.00 Sale of the Century (7025077) 3.20 The Bit (3385619) 4.00 All Creatures Great and Small (1577619) 5.00 EaclEnders (\$26861) 5.35 Crossnoots (5025119) 6.00 Pour Rang MiLord? (2058110) 7.00 Bob's Full House (3576416) 7.45 The Best of Cop of the Pops (1327865) 8.25 Ever Decreasing Crodes (2796752) 9.00 Casuelly (8)487413) 10.05 The Bit (235056) 10.40 Mon Rehavior Barth (2259660) 11.15 Ever Men Behaving Badly (2859601) 11.15 Live at Jongleurs (5326394) 11.45 FiLM: The Young Americans (2347042) 1.25em Marm Vice (6529424) 2.20 Shopping

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Leonard takes over leadership

New England put on hold by captain's injury

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

THE path towards a new future for English rugby is clearly not destined to be a smooth one. Having decided at the start of the season that Phil de Glanville should succeed Will Carling as England captain, Jack Rowell, the coach, was yesterday forced to announce de Glanville's withdrawal from the international against Argentina at Twickenham tomorrow.

The Bath centre strained a thigh during the game against the New Zealand Barbarians on November 30 and, though it mended sufficiently to allow him to play in the Courage Clubs Championship match against Harlequins last weekend, the injury flared up again in training at Bisham Abbey on Wednesday and has failed to respond to treatment. His misfortune allows the "old firm" of Carling and Jeremy Guscott, who have played together in 43 internationals. to take over midfield operations again.

surprisingly Guscott. named on the left wing last Monday, moves inwards and the vacancy is filled by Tony Underwood, who resumes his cy, however, does not return to

broad shoulders of Jason Leonard, the former carpenter from Barking.

Leonard, 28, was named as pack leader and vice-captain this season and the decision to make him captain was, in Rowell's view, a natural extension. Were he to leave the field, however, Carling would lead

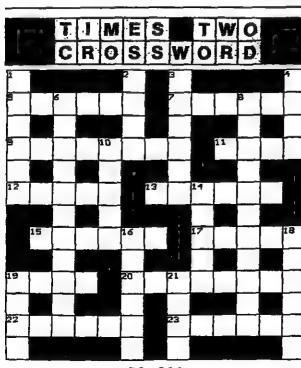
Leonard, who has propped the England scrum in 50 internationals, the first of

Allan Bateman has been recalled by Wales for the game against South Africa in Cardiff on Sunday — six years after winning the last of his four caps. The Richmond centre takes over from Gareth Thomas, who has not recovered from a mouth injury.

them against Argentina in 1990, regards himself as merely a stopgap for de Glanville. 'it's a great honour, but my role as vice-captain has just gone on a stage for one match," he said. "Phil is the captain of the side and I need to carry on what he has started this season. We have a side that's quite young, that shows a willingness to play open rugby, that wants to make the



Guscott aims to stoop to conquer at centre tomorrow



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man. He has established a worldwide reputation as a powerful scrummager, on either side, and he has a cheerful, down-to-earth anproach. There are 14 other class guys on the field and my role is to make sure they are prepared for what will face nem." Leonard said. "My approach is very calm and

opinion that, judged on his form against the New Zealanders, de Glanville did not merit a place in the England team. However, that view was made to look suspect by the quality of de Gianville's perormance for his club against Harlequins six days ago. He will remain with the

squad this weekend and, fitness permitting, will resume his role against Scotland on February 1, when England open their defence of the five nations' championship.

The latest change comes on top of those forced by concussion to Adedayo Adebayo on Stimpson at full back. "It's a setback but what England do have is a squad of players, which you need," Rowell said. The way the international season is developing, there will be times when you have on the bench have to feel they

derwood has emerged from a fallow season and it gives Jerry Guscott the chance to show off his wares. The chemistry in the midfield could be very interesting. Will has done immeasurably well in handling the psychology of becoming a player after being captain for so long and Jerry will be trying his damedest."

Underwood, 27, will win his 21st cap but his first since the World Cup semi-final against New Zealand in June last year. Since then he has recovered from a leg injury and settled into second-division rugby with Newcastle; he played at Twickenham last Saturday, for the Barbarians against Australia, and his presence, together with that of Guscott, will increase the pace

Should Mike Catt not recover from a blow on the chest, the midfield could change further with the introduction of Alex King. Paul Grayson, the stand-off half throughout last season, was brought in as cover yesterday but Catt is expected to demonstrate his fitness at training this



Knight, who made a century in England's first innings, falls leg-before to Olonga for eight in their second at the Athletic Club yesterday

Atherton enjoys moving experience

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FROM STMON WILDE IN BULAWAYO

BULAWAYO (third day BULAWAYO (third day of four): Matabeleland, with all

IN THE course of five days. life on England's tour of Zimbabwe has undergone a dramatic change, from one large banana skin to a bowl of cherries. Rival theories as to how this has come about are that either everyone has struck form at the same time, or England are being lured into a false sense of security in another stage of the phoney war that traditionally pre-cedes a Test series. The truth probably lies somewhere in

Certainly the pieces of the jigsaw appear to be falling

ENGLAND XI: First leadings 234 (N V Knight 114, J P Crawley 63)

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BOWLING Clongs 11-3-41-1; Mbangwa 11-2-35-0; Renne 10-2-22-0; G.J. Whitall 3-0-17-0 Vacturana 16:3-3-58-2; A. R. Whitall 16:3-42-1

MATABELELAND: First tribings

Our primary concern is

public safety and we had grave

reservations about the game

going ahead," Inspector Chris

cent, and AC Milan's Liberia

international, George Weah,

The trio will also share top

into place here at the Athletic Club. Yesterday, as England manoeuvred themselves into a strong position on a rainton and Graham Thorpe, scored their first half-centuries of the tour to help set up an England declaration, Darren Gough had earlier taken the one remaining Matebeleland wicket, to finish with figures

David Lloyd, the England coach, and Atherton himself were, naturally, delighted. "Everything is coming together," Lloyd said, "All our batsmen are in the runs, we have a fast bowler with six wickets and a spinner [Tufnell] with five. Our spinners, Tufnell and Croft are bowling well in

tandem. Caddick is starting to

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police, said yesterday, "We

were worried by the ground's

suitability for a match of this

magnitude at this time." Fears

included the segregation of

rival supporters, minor build-

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Many a professional side

has fallen at such an intimi-

dating non-league venue, but

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moved freely into line and unleashed some vintage He batted through 36 overs for 55 before dragging a ball from Vaghmaria, the left-arm

spinner, into the hands of midon and was clearly still feeling so chipper four hours later that he jogged the two miles back to the hotel in pouring rain after a thunderstorm halted play for the day at 4org. Atherton's place at the wicket was taken by Thorpe, who swiftly enjoyed a let-off, James missing a stumping chance. Thorpe needed no second invitation and got his head down to play himself back into touch against the undernanding challenges posed by the two spinners. One over from Vaghmaria, in which Hussain

Total FALL OF WICKETS 1-8, 2-32, 3-32, 4-68, 5-104, 6-142, 7-154, 8-172, 9-173 BOWLING: Gough 17.2-1-84-6; Carlolck 12-1-38-2; Iran 7-3-28-0; Tulnell 20-5-40-2; Carlo 9-3-15-0. had aiready pulled a six, saw him cut two balls to the boundary and drive a third for four. He later brought up his BOWLING: Gough 2.2-1-4-0; Caddick 2-1lifty with a six against the same bowler.

Thorpe's 65 occupied 101 only strong on paper. Olonga balls and once he was out England declared on 230 for five - Stewart and Hussain having made forties — and left Matebeleland to score an improbable 377 to win. They the day was brought to its premature end but England

will be confident of completing a timely victory today, 48 hours before the first one-day international.

England must, though, remind themselves who they have been outplaying this week. Matebeleland are a weak side. Their batsmen show limited technique based on a desire to drive and to cut Atherion wisely posted a flyslip for Gough and Caddick late in the day - and betray a dislike of the short ball. Their bowling, which effectively means their seam bowling, is

and Mbangwa are promising but raw and Streak, the man who also spearheads Zimbayesterday. England should Clinton's

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who has played little cricket since recovering from a groin strain and posed few threats in the first innings here, is not match-fit. in which case England really are in a strong position going into the Test. It may be, though, that Zimbabwe are deliberately

keeping him under wraps. which would explain why he remained on the field yesterday despite supposedly being prevented from bowling by a niggling knee injury.

England will discover the truth next week, but, either way, they should expect life to be tougher from now on.

Stevenage's hopes fall to ground

Moulder, of Hertfordshire if Stevenage have lost that

Ronaldo pips Shearer

SCOREBOARD FROM BULAWAYO

ONE of the most acrimonious Russell Kempson finds an old problem has reopened old wounds in the FA Cup season involved Stevenage Borough, the Vauxhall Conference champions, and the Football League. Stevenage away from finally gaining claimed their rightful place in league approval - is not yet what is now the Nationwide ready to accept the travelling League third division, but the Birmingham hordes, especialleague declined them the oply those who arrive without tickets. On this advice, ratified portunity, refusing to budge by the Football Association from its stance that the club's Broadhall Way ground was (FA), the tie was switched.

The matter rumbled on throughout the season and eventually ended up in the High Court, where, not surprisingly, the league emerged victorious Though Stevenage continued to moan about the injustice of it all, they were sent back to the Conference, their dreams shattered.

not up to scratch.

Broadhall Way has since been improved to meet league regulations and yet, at the club's first subsequent opportunity to provide proof positive of its readiness to Join the big boys, they have been found sadly wanting. Stevenage's FA Cup first-round tie against Birmingham City. on January 4, has been switched to St Andrew's. Local police have advised the

club that the ground - which is

only the width of a £10 note

ALAN SHEARER, the Newcastle United forward, has been pipped by the Barcelona striker. Ronaldo, to one of the first important awards of the year. Ronaldo, 20, the Brazilian sensation, has been named World Soccer magazine's world player of the year, polling 16.56 per cent of readers' votes, ahead of Shearer. who was second with 14.42 per

cially announces its player of the year in Lisbon on January 20. They are the leading contenders for an honour decided by the votes of 120 national team coaches. Bobby Robson, the Barce-

lona manager and former England coach, is in no doubt as to the merits of his player. "You can go anywhere you like in the world and you won't find a player like Ronaldo," he said. 'Can anybody anywhere show me a better player? He's billing when Fifa, the sport's simply sensational."

advantage, there will be some consolation for the club, if not the supporters. Some of the romance of the Cup may have been lost, but there should be a financial gain. Instead of a 7,000-capacity crowd at Broadhall Way, from which Stevenage could expect a share of the takings - 45 per cent to the away side, ten per cent to the FA pool - of about £30,000, by making a short trip up the motorway and playing in front of 20,000 speciators at St Andrew's, their windfall could approach £135,000.

Stevenage are, understandably, mortified. "It would have been lovely to see the place packed, but the whole town wants to see the game,' Clive Abrey, the club's commercial manager, said. "At least they can achieve that

Any thoughts of rebellion among the fans, robbed of the prospect of great deeds on their own patch, should by eased by the announcement that Stevenage are running ten coaches to Birmingham free of charge. A grand ges-ture by the club ... and there should still be plenty of change left over from its big

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CHARLES IN Divided US capital faces ruin after 'home rule' failure

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

THE US capital is heading for inefficiency and incompe-financial collapse unless the federal Government urgently as Mayor in 1994, even though takes over responsibility for prisons, medical care and roads, the Washington DC financial control board said

A 46-page strategic plan, published yesterday, is a scathing indictment of the district's 22-year experiment itself as the District of Colum-his, independent of any of the

For those two decades the most powerful Government in the world has been unable to halt the deterioration of its. capital. Drinking water is declared unsafe several times a year; schools lack textbooks; main streets are studded with potholes: three : feet .. deep, covered with metal sheets but. never repaired; gunshots are heard within a few blocks of

Washington is one of America's most racially divided cities, with white professionals crowded into the northeastern quadrant of its 69 square miles. Millions of tourists visit the city's renowned monu-

ments and museums. Yet the capital jails more black men than graduate from its high school every year, and black babies die at rates higher than in any other

American city. Residents regularly attack Marion Barry, the Mayor, and his administration for

he had presided for 12 years over the city's decline, and had been filmed in 1990 by FBI

cameras smoking crack in a motel with a model. He was jailed for six months. But the city's reliance on local taxes for most of its income is also at the heart of the problem. Three quarters of its population is black and many residents are on welfare, meaning that tax revenucs are low and benefits bills are high. White professionals

much lower. In contrast, British cines receive much of their income from central government and only part from local caxes. That method of spreading the tax burden has helped to

tend to move to the affluent

suburbs, where taxes are



Barry: criticised for alleged inefficiency

prevent the emergence of American-style ghettos in

Washington's problems are about to grow worse, as under the new welfare laws signed by President Clinton it must find jobs for thousands of people now receiving welfare. However, most of the city's jobs are in government, inappropriate for many long-term welfare recipients.

According to Washington DCs board, however much the district improves efficiency the financial crisis will continue unless the city is subsumed within a well-off state. But the neighbouring states, Mary-land and Virginia, are fiercely opposed to such suggestions, as they would be saddled with Washington's problems.

The alternative as the board recommends, is for the federal Government to take over the city's \$400 million (£250 million) annual bill for Medicaid — the medical assistance programme for the poor together with the main prison, the city's mental health programme, road and bridge intenance and a helty slice. of the \$5 billion shortfall in retirement payments for teachers, firelighters, police-men and judges. Mr Barry has made clear

that he supports this plan. However, Congress has traditionally been reluctant to commit federal funds to the capital, for fear of political opposition in the states.



Brian Dahley with Taylor, his healthy 18-month-old son, and wife Heather at home in Midland, Michigan. As a four-month foetus, Taylor made medical history when he had a hone marrow transplant to correct an inherited weakness in his immune system

Luxury shops hail the comeback of **American excess**

From Quentin Let's in new york

reporting a surge in "big spending" and are detecting a return to the free-wheeling self-gratification of the mid-

Independent statistics are showing an 18 per cent rise last year in spending on "luxury" goods. One analyst yesterday predicted that it could be just the start of a top-end spending boom which will spread across the Atlantic.

The self-indulgence sector biossomed far more than mundane items, such as food, clothing and electronic goods, which rose by 5 per cent. The figures, reported by the New York-based Tactical Retail Monitor, stated that Americans spent more than \$35 billion in the past 12 months on non-essential "reward"

Isaac Lagnado, publisher of the newsletter, said yesterday: The Eighties are back, for sure. The trend is now well established and it is OK to be flamboyant again."

He pointed to the success of items such as \$250 stainless steel toasters, which are capable of toasting only two slices of bread at a time. At the New York branch of Prada, the upmarket outlitter's, there is a three-month waiting list for \$400 men's flannel trousers, while Tiffany, the Fifth Avenue jeweller, can barely keep up with sales of a new and distinctly uncheap line of trinkets (prices run up to \$19,000

Mr Lagnado said that the "luxury boomlet" showed a marked change from last year.

AMERICAN shopkeepers are when US shopkeepers had an unusually slow festive season. Last Christmas was the third worst for a generation," said

Bob Wharen, managing director of the Americas branch of Rolls-Royce, said: "Sales of motor cars for the last year are up by 18 per cent, following a similar rise last year. We are seeing more optimism from customers, with people ready to grant themselves permission to reward themselves. There are also many more inquiries."

All 50 models of a new, limited-edition Jaguar sold out within eight days for \$75,000 apiece from a Neiman Marcus Christmas catalogue and motor trade statistics for the top end of the car market showed 12 per cent growth in sales.

Explanations for the sudden boom range from the bullish-ness of Wall Street, which has seen a prolonged and record high, to the fact that the babyboom generation is reaching the age of financial freedom from school fees and mortgages. There may also be a desire to escape the greyness

of recent years. At Fendi, the newest hot fashion store on Fifth Avenue, clusters of women wait to inspect the latest fur coats, undeterred by prices which typically reach \$40,000. Plastic carrier bags are more than \$500. Patek Philippe has a waiting list for its \$44,500

Mr Lagnado said that fig-ures indicated a likely rise of 30 per cent in the coming year for luxury goods.

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Clinton's choice for experien, CIA chief in trouble

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FROM TOM RHODES

LESS than a week after he rector; President Clinton was forced to defend Anthony Lake yesterday over allegations of breaking government rules amid growing Republican opposition to his confirmation as head of American intelligence:

Mr Lake, the National Security Advises, is being investigated by the Justice Department in Washington over the belated sale of shares in his personal portfolio which White House lawyers said, almost foor years ago, could compromise his judgement as a top foreign policy official.

Signalling the prospect of

conflict during future confir-

mation hearings in Congress,

Arien Specier, a Republican senator and chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee also said he had serious reservations about Mr Lake's nomination to head the CIA. Mr Specter expressed concern that, at a time when Congress was involved in highly charged debate over a United Nations arms embargo against the former Yugo-slavia, Mr Lake failed to tell Capitol Hill about a covert American decision to allow Iranian arms into Bosnia-Herzegovina. Hawks within the CIA have also questioned Mr Lake's liberal outlook he resigned from the Nixon Ad-

ministration in protest at the invasion of Cambodia. Asked about Mr Lake, President Clinton leapt to his defence yesterday. The counsel's office and others reviewed the facts of this case and we believe that it is not a disqualification [for confirmation]," Mr Chinton said.

Couple's au pair kept as a slave

BY QUENTIN LETTS

mitted holding their au pair her to keep quiet and work:
-in what civil rights groups claim was a far from isolated case, Kishin Mahtani, 42, and his wife, Shashi Gobindram, 34, both from India, pleaded guilty to harbouring France-sca Ekka, an illegal alien, and farcing her into "involuntary Servinde". She worked lohour days for little or no pay

and was brutally treated. Miss Ekka, 23, who arrived from India to look after the coople's two children, was so frightened that she would not leave their house in prosperour Miami Lakes; prosecutors said. Eventually she summoned the courage to tele-

come help me, please."

Mahiam and his wife admitted that they took away the air pants passport, burnt her address book and stole any mail she received. They burnt her with an iron, threatened to be her up with a dog's lead and twisted her ears until they bled. When she was found by police, the au pair had wells and swellings on

her face and body. She was punished for any domestic accidents and was regularly driven in to the countryside, at night and abandoned for several hours, "in what seemed like a jun-gle", as retribution for perceived misdeeds. After a few hours the Mahtanis would return to collect her:

Mahtani, who owns an import export business, will be sentenced in March with his wife. They face up to five years in prison and fines of up to \$250,000 (£151,500).



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Kenya crippled by 'brutal and corrupt' judiciary

SEXUAL torture, rape, beat- and inefficiency of the courts, ings, mob killings and massive corruption have become halimarks of Kenya's judicial system over the past half decade, according to a damning report on the former British colony by the London-based African Rights.

The human rights organis-ation says in a book by Lucy Hannan published yesterday that "Kenyan justice is corrupt and abusive; its machinery and ethos have collapsed". Until the 1990s, Kenya's

courts were seen by opposition figures and government officials as the one part of the administrative system that was beyond excessive political influence and free of corruption. But Ms Hannan's book, Kenya, Shadow of Justice, shatters that illusion and gives a warning of violence and chaos in the run-up to next year's general elections.
"Rather than turning to

formal mechanisms for justice, the average man and woman live in fear of it - from the routine violence of the police, through the corruption

to the congested prisons. The profound crisis of faith in the ustice system is, increasingly, leading people to use alternatives -- often resorting to the horrifying violence of mob justice," Ms Hannan says.

No one who has watched the inexorable decline in personal security, and standards of services in Nairobi, the

her teenage daughter. Four policemen held her down while a female officer sexually abused her.

She was told she would be shot if she did not sign a confession saying that she had been hiding firearms in her house. She refused, was charged, released and rearrested. For the next two years

6 The crisis of faith is leading people to use alternatives - often resorting to the violence of mob justice ?

capital, could disagree with Ms Hannan. Mob killings are an almost daily occurrence. Jacqueline Wangui Ngunja, wife of G.G.Njengi a political activist sentenced in 1993 to four years for attacking a police station, an offence that was never on his charge sheet - was arrested in 1992 by ten plainclothes policemen of the Kenyan CID. She was taken to

their headquarters with Lydia,

court every fortnight for a "mention".

Such stories are commonplace among the leading opposition political groups, but they have become routine for ordinary Kenyans, as have the "extrajudicial executions" of suspected criminals on the

Two years of research in Kenya also revealed that the Government of the Kenya African National Union now ranks as one of the most venal and corrupt on the continent.

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than a decade before. Even hospitals are no longer considered a sanctuary. Ms Hannan details several cases in which former patients are held by force as indentured labour in sanitoriums after failing to pay medical bills.

Last year, 1,798 prisoners died

in filthy jails, ten times more

Already reeling from a plunge in tourist numbers from 830,000 in 1994 to 600,000 last year (including about 40,000 Britons), Kenya's tour operators are braced for another bad year. Western diplomats, led by

the British, have been impressed with Kenya's efforts at fiscal probity, which have reined in inflation to less than per cent and maintained a growth rate of 3.5 per cent or more. Earlier this year, the West agreed to release \$800 million in balance of payments support, frozen since 1990, in an attempt to force President Moi down the road to multiparty democracy.

Apartheid minister applies for amnesty

FROM INIGO GILMORE

ADRIAAN YLOK, the former Law and Order Minister. became the first apartheid-era minister to seek amnesty from South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Hisapplication came ahead of tomorrow's deadline.

Mr Vlok was implicated in human rights violations in October when General Johan van der Merwe, a former police commissioner, told the commission that the order to bomb the headquarters of the South African Council of Churches in 1988 was given by Mr Volk on presidential or-ders from P. W. Botha.

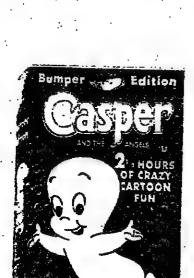
The allegation appears to bave forced Mr Vlok to break ranks with the old National Party high command. So far Mr Botha and his successor, F. W. de Klerk have refused to apply. But General van der Merwe and 50 former police generals have done so, as well as more than 300 from the African National Congress and 600 from the Azanian People's Liberation Army.



A Mai-Mai boy soldier north of Goma. The Mai-Mai have now joined Tutsi rebels

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Hutu militia herds refugees out of camp in Tanzania

BY SAM KILEY

ABOUT 90,000 Hutu refugees from Rwanda have fied a camp in northwest Tanzania to avoid being returned to Rwanda to face trial.

United Nations officials blame the exodus on intimidation of the refugees by the Interahamwe — the Rwandan Hutu militia responsible for the 1994 massacres of a million Tutsis and moderate Hutus in Rwanda. The militia is believed to be herding the refugees away from the reach of the forces of the new Tutsiled Government in Rwanda as well as to establish military

bases in Zambia. The UN's World Food Programme (WFP) said the refugees left Lumasi camp, northes Salaam Government orderreturn home by the end of the year. Lumasi had provided refuge for 113,000 people. In all there were 542,000 Hutu

refugees in Tanzania Julie Johnson, of the WFP. said the camp was 80 per cent empty yesterday. She added that the WPP warehouse had been looted.

The looting of food stocks signals that the Internhamme, who have controlled Luriasi and all other refugee camps in Tanzania, Zaire and Burundi

planning a long trek. About 560 Hutu refugees have arrived in Uganda, while others are believed to be marching towards Kenya, which has harboured some of the most notorious leaders of the

There is still confusion about the whereabouts of tens of thousands of refugees who fled camps in eastern Zaire after the Tutsi Banyamulenge rebels launched retaliatory attacks last month. The Hutus had instigated Zaireans to turn on the Banyamulenge.

Yesterday the Banyamulenge, who now control a swath of territory about 300 miles long from north to south in eastern Zaire, including the and Uvice, declared a unilateral ceasefire because of pressure from the West. The continue if there is not a clear indication from the internader or to start negotiations."

New reports claim that the Mai-Mai have now joined the Banyamulenge rebels. Kinshasa accuses Uganda and Rwanda of helping the rebels.



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Peace process in peril as Israeli settlers are buried

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Middle East peace process came close to collapse yesterday as a defiant Israel pledged to expand Jewish settlements further in response to the murder of two settlers by Arab terrorists and as Palestinians pledged more attacks against settlers they termed "invaders".

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, delivered an impassioned promise at the funeral of Etta Tzur, 42, and her son. Ephraim, 12, to strengthen the Jewish pres-ence in the occupied West Bank. His predecessor as Likud Prime Minister, Ynzhak Shamir, called for an end to the already deadlocked talks with the Palestinians.
There is nothing to talk
about," Mr Shamir said.

You Tour, the bereaved ettler who survived the driveby ambush on Wednesday, pointed to a barren hillside on occupied land near the settlement of Beit El, where the burial took place, and demanded that 1,000 Jewish homes be built there. He described Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, as a "corrupt villain". Ariel Sharon, the former war hero and Cabinet minister who delivered the hawkish eulogy, said that Israel's supposed peace part-ner was "a war criminal by

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any law.

The anger, hatred and frustration caused by Wednesday's ambush — the first incident of its kind since Mr Netanyahu came to power -was as great as any I have witnessed among Jews in the past three years. "For any Jewish blood spilt. 1,000 Jew ish families will come here to live," Pinhas Wallerstein,



Netanyahu: he chaired emergency meetings

head of the Council of Jewish

Settlements, promised.

The council, one of the outspoken supporters of Mr Netanyahu in the May election, said that if the Government did not take a sufficiently "Zionist response" within 24 hours it would take action of its own. Members said that this would involve the unitateral establishment of at least one new Jewish settlement in "Judaea and Samaria" (the biblical names for the West

Bank region). Such was the devastating effect of the attack on a Government that swept to promising voters eace with security that Mr Netanyahu cut short a desert holiday to chair emergency security briefings, and his defence and foreign ministers joined at least 2,500 Jews at the

The Prime Minister distanced himself from his Labour predecessors by praising the settlers - who number about 144,000 among 2.2 million Palestinians — as "pio-neers and heroes of our time". Those who heard him speak had no doubt that he intended to back his pledge of boosting settlement further than he already has.

"Our first answer to these murderers and animals is that the Government and people of Israel will stay here, build here and live here," he said, speaking on land conquered from Jordan in 1967 and regarded by many Jews as la-rael's biblical inheritance. We will remember Eus and Ephraim with every house we build, every road we pave, every family we raise."

As the woman and boy were laid to rest, the Damascusbased Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, led by Georges Habash, the veteran leftwinger, called for more such attacks. The building of Jewish housing units in foccupied] east Jerusalem and the expansion of settlement-building clearly means that Israel is beating the drums of war and preparing for more aggressions against the Palestinian people and the Arab nations," Maher al-Taher, the group's spokesman, said.

Yesterday an Israeli shot and killed a Palestinian worker in the southern town of Kiryat Gat, saying he feared that the Arab, who worked for break into his house.



Swiss bank to open secret gold archive

THE Swiss National Bank is expected to announce today that it will "go public" about its gold trading during the Second World War, when it acquired large quantities of gold from the German Reichsbank (Michael Evans writes).

Crucial documents on the Swiss National Bank's gold policy between 1939 and 1945 have been stored in the bank's archives. After accusations that the German gold came from Nazi-occupied countries, the bank is today expected to say that the records will be made available to the public.

Sinatra 'too ill to sing'

New York: Frank Sinatra is "in very poor health" and will never perform again, the New York Post reported yesterday. "He will never sing in public again," a source close to the singer's family told the Post. "He's in very poor health and it's only a question of how long he will live. He cannot sing any more." Last month Sinatra was in hospital for more than a week for what was said to be a pinched nerve. (AP)

Lesbian in asylum plea

Los Angeles: A lesbian, Alla Pitcherskaia, who fled Russia in 1992 and has been living in San Francisco, is appealing for asylum on the ground that she would be forced to go into an institution and have electric shock treatment if deported to her homeland (Giles Whittell writes). She says she was beaten by police because of her work for gay groups.

Debut film wins prize

Paris: France's top film award, the Louis Delluc prize, went to Will It Be A White Christmas?, an unsentimental look at a farming family struggling against violence and poverty in France. Directed by Sandrine Veysser, 28, the film — her first — won a special jury prize at the Cannes festival and earned a "best actress" award for Dominique Reymond. (AP)

Boeing inspection

Seattle: The Federal Aviation Administration has ordered US airlines to inspect their later-model Boeing 747s for cracks in a fuel tank. Similar defects have been found in earlier models, but the FAA did not extend its directive to 747-100s, like TWA Flight 800 which crashed near New York in July. (AP)

Only thaw can save reindeer

By TUNKU VARADARAJAN

ONLY a freak thaw can save face starvation in one of Russia's most remote regions: More than 4.500 reindeer. have died already, and up to 30,000 are at risk in the

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Paul Fryer, a reindeer ex-Institute in

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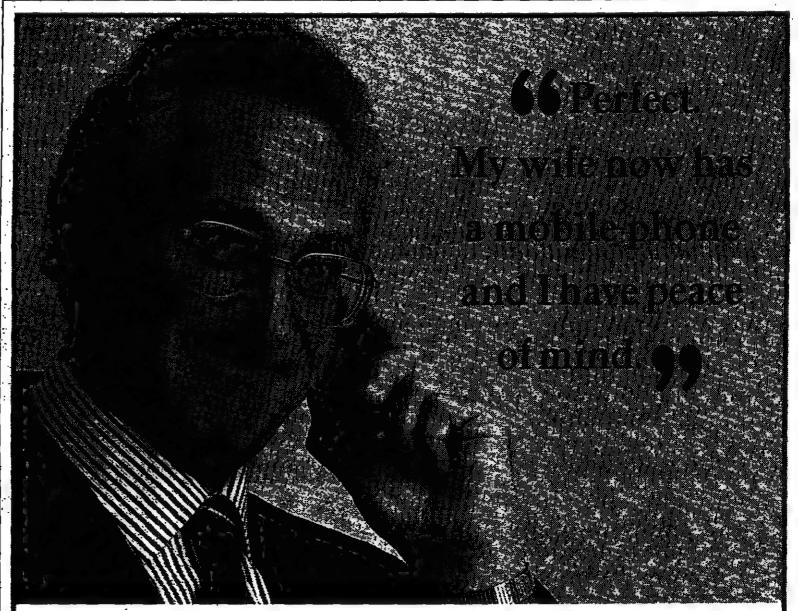
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deer eat only Arctic moss and gion, after heavy rains fol- lichen. "Air-dropping suplowed by freezing conditions - plies of Arctic moss is simply not an option. Absolutely no one has vast stores of moss and lichen, and these are not out and harvest.

Airlifting the reindeer out cost would be prohibitive. In airlift were to be considered the first priority, naturally ould be to rescue the Chuk chi herders. If the reindeer are starving and in dire straits, think of how the people who tend to them must be. Only a major thaw will save

he reindeer from death, Mr

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After 314 days in which hundreds of witnesses have given evidence and 40,000 documents and 20,000 pages of transcripts have been shuffled back and forth across the benches, the longest trial in British history draws to a close this evening.

For the legal team representing the McDonald's Corporation it means an early Christmas break and a gargantuan sigh of relief that, bar Mr Justice Bell's judgment early next year, "McLibel: The Trial" is finally over. For David Morris and Helen Steel, the penniless, denim-clad campaigners who distributed leaflets criticising McDonald's food, practices and environmental policy and were swiftly sued for defamation, it means freedom. For the first time in two and a half years they can wake up and not have to think about fries, polystyrene burger trays and the corporate clown Ronald McDonald.

From the moment they decided to fight one of the most powerful multinational giants in the world instead of tugging their forelocks and apologising, Morris, 42, and Steel, 32, effectively gave up any semblance of normal

Forced to represent themselves in court (libel cases do not qualify for legal aid) they have spent their days pitted against the eminent libel QC Richard Rampton, for McDonald's, and their evenings and weekends in preparation for the next day's hearing, poring over international faxes about rainforests, corn seed or battery hens, untrained, unadvised, unwaged — the ulti-mate David and Goliath battle.

Win or lose, Morris and Steel now believe that they have at least won the moral battle. They have, they say, put McDonaid's ethics and practices on trial for the first time and let the public judge for themselves whether the organisation is as oppressive as they claim.

"It will be a weird feeling when we walk out," says Steel, whose father was a union activist from Lancashire. "It has been an incredibly stressful experience — the pressure has been relentless because we haven't the resources and back-up team they have had, but there is no way we regret it. I feel very positive about the whole thing. People should ask themselves how we managed to get this

*Of course there are loads of ways I would rather have spent the last few years of my life. like climbing mountains or working in the countryside, but I was always taught to stand up to things I didn't believe were right."

The former agriculture student, gardener and voluntary worker met Morris, an expostman, in a Haringey community action group in the mid-Eighties and via an allotment plot they used to share. Both political activists, their friendship grew while picketing during the miners' strike and they tallyman, was living with his then partner think that I need it."



Carol Midgley reports on Britain's

longest-ever trial, in which two individuals took on the might of McDonald's



became members of London Greenpeace, an environmental and civil rights group which targeted, among other organisations, Mo-Donald's. Five members were issued with writs, three of whom apologised. Steel and

he admires him for his passion and resolve, he admires her for her uncompromising principles and the fact she once went on a week-long hunger strike outside Harrods over Christmas to raise money for famine relief.

One of the most common but incorrect assumptions about their alliance is that they are a "couple", who took on authority together, hand-in-hand. As they sit in Steel's groundfloor bedsit in Tottenham, north London, stacked with files and papers and decorated with crusading posters such as "Solidarity with 500 sacked Liverpool dockers", they smile wearly at the suggestion.
"We are not in a relationship, no, although

a lot of people think it," says the bespectacled and reacherish-looking Morris. "I knew I wouldn't be able to take it all on on my own but I said to Helen that if she wanted to fight it I would come in with her. I'm glad I did. We are nearing the end of the 20th century and society is clearly at a crossroads.

"We do argue because we are in a very intense situation, but it's usually about the case, nothing else and it helps to clear the air. Basically we both want the same things in

and their young son. The couple has since separated and he now looks after Charlie, 7, alone at their home close to Steel's in Tottenham.

"Charlie has been very patient and understanding. It has been hard because I haven't been able to give him all my attention. Children are the most vulnerable section of society. If I hadn't been in court I would be more involved in my local politics groups and parents, groups at school and play schemes

change is really made.

"I had to bring him into court one day. The central heating at his school had broken down and I could not find a childminder for

down and I could not find a childminder for him. The judge's clerk ended up looking after him all day. He got taken into the room behind the judge's chair and felt very grand," During the trial the "McLibel Two" have raised less than £40,000 with the help of supporters, against McDonald's legal fund of £10 million. (Richard Rampton alone is on £2,000 a day.) Morris claims income support and Steel works in the har of a West End and Steel works in the bar of a West End nightclub at weekends. Both accept £15 a week travel costs from the McLibel support campaign fund but refuse cash for

Steel says she has often grown bored in court. Morris says: "I never got bored, but it was a very long drawn-out case." Steel adds: When it first started we weren't having any days off at all but then we realised that it wasn't sustainable. You have to have days off or you'd go mad. I would sit in the park or go out with iriends, but it's always with you. We are only defending our right to free speech and to put powerful companies under scrutiny."

It was on November I that the trial passed its milestone of 292 days making it the longest ever. Until then the Tichborne impersonation case of 1871, which comprised a civil and criminal trial and concerned a dispute over the inheritance of the Tichborne Estate in Hampshire, held that distinction, lasting 291 days. Arthur Orton, who had falsely posed as the long-lost brother of the late Baron of Tichborne, was sentenced to two consecutive terms of imprisonment and hard labour.

f Steel and Morris lose, McDonald's has indicated that it will not be seeking damages - just a clarification of accurate facts. However, much of the damage is done. On the Internet is "McSpotlight", set up by supporters of Morris and Steel, which contains millions of words from the trial and clips of film. In its first week it was accessed 174,000 times.

In the meantime, the McLibel Two are looking forward to their first stress-free Christmas for years. Steel will stay with friends and family in Scotland, while Morris will take Charlie to The Netherlands. "It will At the time of the waits, September 1990, be our first proper holiday together for four Morris, the son of a schoolteacher and a years. "he says. "Charlie deserves it and I

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Helen Steel and David Morris believe that their battle represents a moral victory whatever the verdict



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Lights, camera, Snowdon: after failing his architecture exams at Cambridge, Snowdon's mother cabled him saying "on no account consider changing to photography"

A passion for idiot time

The Earl of Snowdon famously subverts interviews by seizing on diversions. "Did you know that if you pat Marmite, it turns white? I once rang Marmite about it. A ghastly PR man came on and said (adopts E. L. Wisty voice) 'It is certainly the case that if Marmite is oscillated it will go through a process of oxidis-ation, which discolours the product...' Johnny Dankworth is the only other person I know who is a Marmite

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reading "Glen Close", which

Varity Fair with (stuffed) dal-

He inhabits a tiny basement

many clocks that a clock-

winder comes round every.

Thursday. Next to his office is

a tiny loo, where his awards

are framed including one for his aviary, "The Second Best Modern Building in London".

donied pavilion. "What centu-

ry?. What country?" he asks.

h's a trompe-l'oeil folly he has

built at his house in Sussex, by

ingenious use of phywood,

breezeblocks and wire. Inside.

while doing the washing up."

house (open to public view) where linley Sambourne,

Never stop.".

He brandishes a picture of a

passionate for idiot time."

Snowdon's stories and mimicry are much enjoyed by those who sit for him. He cultivates the persona of the mad scienpossible in what he calls "idiot" time", inventing toys, gadgets, silly jokes, any kind of

His latest album of family snaps, meticulously annotated, reflects this: here is a camp Gothic dogkennel known as the Doge's Palace he made for Mand, his daughter Frances's spaniel here's a spoof of Hello magazine; a picture of his Regent's Park aviary, transposed to his country garden (That's what you get if you put a used film back in the camera by mistake"), a snap of himself by a Kentish roadsign



In his tiny basement studio, the Earl of Snowdon cultivates the persona of the mad scientist, inventing gadgets, jokes and toys

terribly gloomy, yearning for plain white walls. Now fashion has reverted: "Our sitting room upstairs" (where his wife Lucy was) "is an absolute nightmare. Solid with clutter." He shows me Sambourne's

camera-case, which just fits Snowdon's 1950s. Rolleiflex. Sambourne was a pioneer photographer: he would get his chauneur photographs and draw from matian. I love all this. I am Other cartoonists thought this very mal vu. But camera obscura is how Canaletto, ne Canal, got his per-spectives of the Grand Canal studio, under a house with so and the Thames." It is 40 years since Tony

Armstrong-Jones began taking pictures of actors blown up 10 feet high outside theatres "to get people off buses and into the theatre". A sumptuous new book called Snowdon on Stage (with Olivier as Archie Rice, taken from the wings, on the cover) is out on Monday, and an exhibition at the National Theatre opens on Janu-

two naked Adel Rootstein mannequins recline in 1920s The pictures are absorbing. They reflect four theatrical deckchairs. "A folly shouldn't be at all useful, "he says, "or it isn't a true folly. This was decades (Simon Callow contributes an excellent essay) designed to provide a view from stylised 1950s portraits in stage make-up, to the zany. poses he now gets actors to adopt: Eruma Thompson na-Does he do much washing up? Do I recognise this postcard. ked after the manner of of a Victorian drawing room? Velazquez's reclining lady. Barry Humphries inside a It is the glorious Kensington commode, Simon Callow with Monet water-lilies, Alan

Punch's political cartoonist. Rickman in a kilt on the Albert "for the photographer", until Snowdon's great-grandfather, Memorial, Peter Hall with a they realised who he was) and lived. As a child-he found it roadmender playing the to TV documentaries with

roadmender playing the gravedigger in Hamlet. John Sessions is Napoleon astride a stuffed pony "holding a fright-fully important Ugandan stick, given to me by Mr Obote". Alan Bennett is in Windsor Great Park with four corgis - hired, Snowdon adds, at a cost of £400. "They are not the corgis." At any

Mention his royal family and he says 'Fasten seatbelt'

ention of his royal connection he mutters "Fasten seat-belt". His discretion is impeccable: he would be the last royal relict ever to talk to Ruby Wax.

He claims the only effect of the earldom on his career was to stop him taking photo-graphs, until Mark Bower brought him into The Sunday Times Magazine and "normal life". It probably made him work even harder, propelling him towards social conscience photo-journalism (sometimes, on assignments where reporters were given hunch, a plate would be left in the kitchen Derek Hart about old age, dwarfs, etc., for which Snowdon won two Erruny awards.

and sprayed them black.)
We walked 50 yards to his favourite restaurant, where he declared he was never interested in what he ate, then sent back his pheasant saying it was "a bit wonky". As we left, ing chefs. He is waspish about publishers who mis-spell names or have their letters signed p.p. "Dear p.p.," he writes back, "Do give my love to your managing director, who must be awfully busy." He had just been to Terry Donovan's funeral, which had

(He thought them "vulgar"

reduced him to tears. Photography claimed him when his father paid £100 for an apprenticeship to the society photographer Baron. Having coxed the Cambridge crew to victory in the 1950 Boat Race, he had failed his architecture exams. "My mother cabled saying 'on no account consider changing to photog-raphy'. But then my uncle Oliver Messel's mother was against his becoming a designer - until he became the most successful one in the world."
He adored Messel, who introduced him to the theatrical milieu. Snowdon still has his earliest job book: 'A. Guin-

ness. Actor. Large camera.'

Even today, at the theatre he

looks at sets, costumes and

performances, but hardly lis-

person," he says. We wondered on what sub-

ject his country neighbour, the ennobled Maurice Saatchi, would make his maiden speech in the Lords. Snowdon's was about design defects in cars for the disabled.

He designed his famous wheelchair not because he had polio himself, but because his friend Quentin Crewe was confined to an "absolutely disastrous" Ministry of Health chair. "I thought we must do something, not as a do-goody thing but as a challeage. Roy Thomson had kindly given David and Sarah two battery-operated horses: I YOU GON'T REED TWO' ST took one of them to bits." [Lord Linley says when he hankered after a toy submarine, his father made one with a piece of wood, a picture hook and a curtain ring.) "Anyway, I based the first prototype on that - and Perry Mason came over to launch it.'

Less successful was the Peter Pan winch he invented. in which a disabled person could hoist himself out of bed and fly down stairs. The disabled loved it, but it is consigned to his "flops and disasters" file. He may walk with a stick himself, but I can report that Lord Snowdon is exhausting to dance with. He stands on the spot, tapping one foot and vigorously spinning his partner like a dervish. This year he was appointed

Provost of the Royal College of Art. He loves the work but do l realise that the students' average age is 29? He started work at 20 and so did his son. And at 66 all he wants to do is keep on working. As long as he can combine it with idiot time.

Cousins get the royal blessing

Joe Joseph on the must-have accessory for the new year

COUSINS! You don't live with them, and suddenly you can't live without them. Having only just made negligies so fashionable that the invitation "don't bother dressing for dinner" now sends out a really relaxed message, Diana, Princess of Wales, has now also made cousins cool by putting a snap of Princes Wills and Harry with their cousins, Princesses Eugenie and Beatrice on the front of

her Christmas cards. With this kind of blessing, cousins, whom the most recent generation of children only saw at weddings and funerals, could become the must-have accessory of 1997. Cousins faded from our lives along with extended families, in which three generations would live in each other's pockets, creating a handy source of playmates, babysitters and loans. As a result of this social shift, cousins have tended to see less and less of each other over the past 30 years — unless, of course, some special bond made it seem sensible for them to be close, such as belonging to a Mafia family in Calabria.

But now a rising divorce rate has thrown single par-ents — and their children more deeply into the lives of their siblings and in-laws. At the same time, a prefer-

ence for smaller families who has the money, time or energy today to raise half a dozen children? — has endowed cousins with a new sense of purpose.
They have become the

1990s version of brothers and sisters, with the bonus that if you get on with them

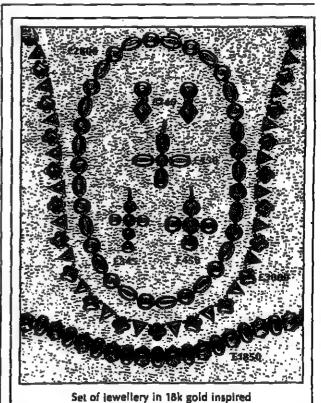


Diana's Christmas card

which you can only do with siblings (and even then only on a very informal basis) in certain scary backwaters of America's Deep South.

But since they are not your brother or sister, cousins can also provide a useful refuge from your sibling family, especially if your sibling is, say, Roger Clinton, Bill's brother, a reformed drug addict whose US secret service codename is Headache. Or Billy Carter, President Jimmy's brother, who registered as an agent for the Libyan

OF COURSE, there is a downside to cousins. "Every man," said H.L. Mencken. sees in his relations, and especially in his cousins, a series of grotesque carica-tures of himself." This is why seeing your cousins is both warming and chilling: they are a vision of possibilities of what you might have been, which is fine if you're Paul Newman's cousin. Less reassuring if you're

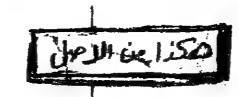


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Paris wants Britain in a euro zone

Hervé de Charette says Europe needs faster integration now

of momentous decisions for the future of Europe. The post-war era is over. The Continent is no longer divided. To the east, the enthusiasm of the early years after 1989 has abated, and tough tasks lie ahead. Economic competition is sharpen-

ing on a planetary scale.
The French historian Fernand Braudel reminds us that "Europe is scarcely visible on a map of the world". We shall shortly have several opportu-nities to make Europe a force to be reckoned with, to lay the groundwork for a stable Europe founded upon solidarity. France and Great Britain

must grasp them together. France, like Britain, warmly supports the candidature of the Central and East European states for EU membership. The European enterprise will become fully meaningful once they stand at our side. My Government has proposed a European conference to maintain a dialogue with these countries during the accession

But enlargement must not entail any dilution of the spirit of the original Community, nor should it paralyse its institutions. So we intend to grasp this opportunity to reform the EU in depth; the organs designed for six no longer always function effiwith 15 members. Merely tinkering with the rules would be a step backwards. That is why France wants to restore a balanced voting system in the Council, cut Commission staff and reinforce its President's authority, before enlargement.

France's prime ambition remains the pursuit of EU integration. Europe is much more than a conjunction of interests or a free-trade area. We quite understand that not all countries are simultaneously ready to move forward. But we place dom of those that do want to forge ahead. Consequently, with our German partners, we have proposed a mechanism of "enhanced co-operation" to enable certain states in the EU to take initiatives in which others cannot, or do not wish to, participate for the time being. We expect real progress to be made at the Dublin

Monetary union will also be at the centre of discussions in Dublin and during the coming year. My Govern-ment, which is pursuing a resolute policy in favour of the euro, is pleased to see that several member states share a similar commitment. We must establish an exchange-rate mechanism bringing all the member states into a euro stability zone and demonstrating the Union's monetary stability. Our businesses would gain from the absence of competitive devaluation.

European Council.

Nor should Europe's citizens lose out. We want to propose a model of society in which the market is regulated. but not hindered. France has therefore submitted a social memorandum proposing a minimum standard of protection for workers, without causing damaging distortions in the single market. Here, too, significant results in Dublin.

Finally. France, having observed with interest the remarkable work of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, wants to make Europe more democratic, by giving national Parliaments a greater rational rational rations a greater role alongside the European Parliament. My Government will endeavour to reinforce the concept of subsidiarity, which is still too vague.

France and Britain share the same ambitious view of Europe's missions in the field of security and defence. Europe must have the capacity to make its voice heard in external policy. My Govern-ment attaches great importance to ensuring that this inter-governmental conference results in the development of a genuine European security and defence identity. We see the European Council as the keystone of this structure, with the Western European Union (WEU) as its operational military arm, able to draw on Nato's resources. In particular, we want included in the treaty the prospect of incorporating the WEU into the EU. This will be at the forefront of our minds during

our coming WEU Presidency. In line with what the French and British both argued for in Berlin last year, new prospects are opening up within the Atlantic Alliance. We are very keen to ensure that the admis sion of new members will be detrimental to no one.

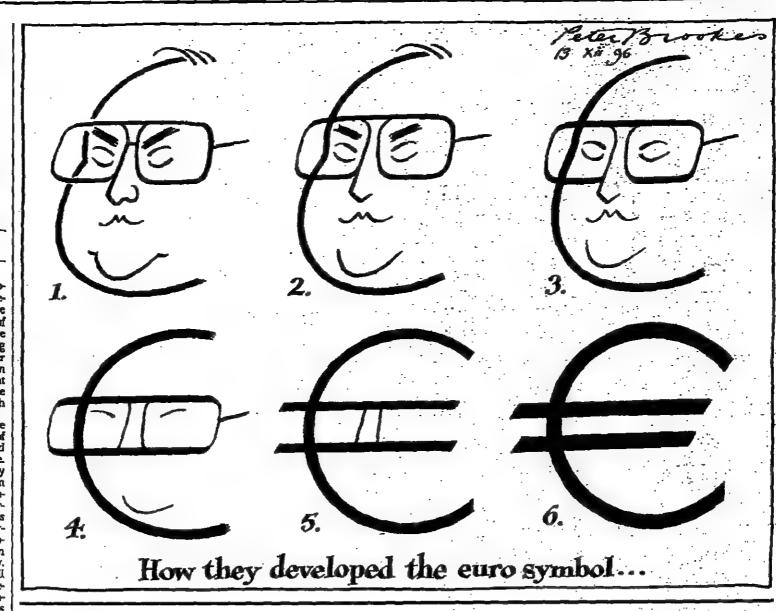
Nato's enlargement affords Europeans a unique opportunity to work towards a European defence with a significant capability. My Government has boldly gambled that the Alliance is sufficiently determined to regenerate itself to give fuller recognition to the EU as a political entity. In a spirit of wholehearted co-operation with our partners, especially the Americans, we will consider whether the European defence identity is be-If that condition is satisfied France will gladly resume its full position within Nato.

The recent decision to develop Franco-British co-operation in the navai sphere is a welcome sign that Europeans are taking their security in hand. And our two Governments, conscious of the proximity of their positions, have demonstrated their reliability through commitments on the ground, especially in Bosnia.

Finally, this global approach needs to be completed by a European policy on armaments. By combining our technological strengths, we shall lay the foundations of a genuine European defence and withstand international competition. The British presence in the new Joint Armaments Co-operation Organisation and Western European Armaments Organisation, forerunger of the European

Arms Agency, is invaluable. France has great ambitions for Europe. She knows that Britain will not shirk her responsibilities. Only by making a success of the European project will we be able to keep alight the flame that, down the centuries, has made our nations great.

The author is the French Foreign Minister.



No room down under

have many times visited Australia, on business or pleasure or both at once (and in Australia the two merge, so open and welcoming are Australia's people), and for many years I noticed that the visitors' entry form was much the same as New Zealand's, both of them being the most simple and homely document. Of course, I realised that the generosity of an entry into Australia mirrored the openness of its peoples: Australians are open and immediately friendly. But at some point, something happened that changed the pattern. No, the Australians have not become sour and mean; they are as open and friendly

has changed? The answer is not the people, it is pieces of paper. The first change I noticed was that New Zealand's entry form was still roughly the same as it had been, but dian one had changed somewhat, and changed considerably for the worse.

as they have always been. So what

To start with, the document needed to enter Australia - and this, you must understand, is only the "Application to visit Australia for tourism or other recreational activities" is five full large pages, or ten columns, or lift of bumpf.

It starts most charmingly, saying, "Do not buy your tickets or finalise your arrangements before a visa is granted, unless we ask you to provide evidence of confirmed arrangements". That's not even getting into gear, we are idiots from the start, viz: "You must answer all questions and write neatly in BLOCK LETTERS" and "You must answer all questions

honestly and completely".

Shucks. Try this: "The information provided might also be disclosed to agencies who are authorised to receive information relating to border control, health assessment, law enforcement, education, payment of pensions and benefits, refugees, taxation, and review of decisions."

Now, it is obvious that few countries want people from other countries who cannot support themselves financially and show no sign of trying to do so. Visitors are welcome certainly Australia makes them welcome - but not if they make clear that they are going to live off the indigenous, hard-working citizens. (Andrew Symonds the English crick-eter had a different problem, but he has decided to go back and become Symonds the Australian cricketer.) But surely Australia shouldn't get

A wicked wizard in Oz has devised an entry form of diabolical nosiness

the beeble-jeebles if someone finds that someone else has landed with nothing but fourpeace and a lollipop? No, indeed, but we are now not discussing Australia and her great peoples, we are discussing the dreadful Prodnose and his pages and pages of whining. Try this: "The criterion 'adequate funds' may be satisfied by showing personal bank statements, money transfer receipts, pay slips, audited accounts, taxation records or cash in hand, depending on the amount of money represented, the number of persons to support, the type of activities planned and the length stay sought

Then sex raises would. Try this for impudence: "Marital status - select one box which best describes your current situation -

Married, Engaged, Divorced, Widowed. Never married [that's me folks]. Separated but not divorced."

And then, "Why do you want to visit Australia?" The answer should be "Well, certainly not to meet you, you pimply prat". Next, Dr Goebbels asks "Do you have any relatives. friends or contacts you will visit in Australia?", and don't believe it when he says that it might be a help if a visitor should be injured or ill, because that hit has already been

taken care of. It hots up now. "Are you currently employed?" Again, it is nothing but impudence, because of course the real stions have been dealt with. But Prodnose wants more, much more, and he snares: "Your current occupation?". "Name or person of company who employs you?", "Address of employer?", "Employer's telephone number?" (Yes, our little worm demands the telephone number of every person who touches this form

- not just those actually visiting.) And now Produose wants to know: "How long have you been employed by this employer?", "How much leave has been approved by your employer for the time you wish to visit Australia?", "Has your employer agreed that you will still have a job when you return from Australia? I

don't know about that, but if the employer is of sturdy form, a punch on the nose would most fitting. Now you can almost see Prodnose reciting the next bit, which goes like this: "Have you or any children included in this application ever had, or currently have, tuberculosis or any serious disease (including mental illness), condition or disability?", and of course Prodnose has seen to it that the subsidiary question is: "Is the

Australian community?"
But of course, I am only marking time before the toughest of all the No/Yes questions: "Have you, or any

disease likely to be a cost to the

this application a crime or any offence in any country? • Been acquitted of any criminal or oth-

er offence on the grounds of mental illness, insanity or unsoundness of mind? Been deported from any country?

· Left any country voluntarily prior to the execution of a deportation Been excluded from or required to

leave any country? • Ever had an application for entry to Australia refused or a visa cancelled?

 Been involved in any activities that would represent a risk to Australian security? Ever committed, or been involved in the commission of war crimes or

crimes against humanity or human And finally — you guessed it —

Any outstanding debts to the Australian Government?

ow as a matter of fact i have to say yes to several of these items. No, I have not been acquitted of any criminal or other offence "on the grounds of mental illness, insanity and or unsoundness of mind", but I have "been required to leave another country", indeed several times and several countries. And before Produose starts to scream the place

down, let him know that I am proud

the first of these chuckings-out were from South Africa, when it was still in the foul days of apartheid when black men were thought of as animals; and the other ejection was from what was then called the Soviet Union, which was then ruled by the hideous criminal called Brezhnev, who presided with savage brutality.

Now please understand that these ten columns of bumpf were not created by any of the Australians I have met or indeed heard of, and I am sure that any decent Australian. shown these papers, would be horri-fied. The trouble is, that these papers are not shown to Australians. Why should they be? After all, these papers concern only the entry to Australia for non-Australians, and have nothing to do with Australian rules or orders, and I should think that only one in a thousand native Australians

But that brings me back to those Been convicted of daft and offensive ten columns of well, of what? I shall tell you. These words were put together by a com-mittee — no single human being could have devised them. The members of the committee began to put in ideas, whereat other members put in more ideas, whereupon more and more members got more and more ideas, and after a very long time, a very long time, the lift of bumpf saw the light of darkness.

But this is Australiai Australia, the country I love next only to my own! Australia, the country with its ease and kindness, its bravery and laughter, its beer and its shakehands, its music and its theatre, its generosity and its understanding, its quiet Suburbs with their curtains and its marvellous contempt for its MPs, its immense size and incredible landscape, its unique accent, and its glorious seafront with its glorious, thrice glorious Sydney Opera House - assuredly the most striking operahouse in the world.

Come, come, Australia, You can do better than this. No, I am not going to say that all frontiers should be abolished, and that anyone should be able to go anywhere, anyhow, with or without money. But I am saying that the document which greets non-Australian would-be visitors is a smudge on the great name of Australia. And if you agree, let me help to pile up those shoddy documents into a huge mound, and let me strike the first match. And let Produose get the first smudge.

Use the veto in Dublin

Euro-realism

unites us, says

John Redwood

This week's two-day debate in the Commons has shown that Europe is the main concern of many Conservative MPs, and re-vealed a strong wish for Britain to offer leadership for the right kind of Europe. What other subjects in the House cause a queue to form? The Prime Minister may feel there is no light at the end of the Euro tunnel. The European issue is occluding the economic recovery.

Beyond the fevered atmosphere of Westminster the party, the Tory party in the country is united as rarely before, and as on no other issue, when it comes to the mighty questions of Europe. As I talk to constituency Conservative associations I ask them some basic questions about Europe. I ask if the common fisheries C. policy is working in Britain's interests. No one thinks it is, I ask them if it is right that we can sell our beef to ourselves but are banned from selling it to willing buyers anywhere else in the world. No one defends that, it ask them if they would like to send more tax revenue to Brussels to spend

on our behalf. No one wants to. I ask them if the European Court should have the power to overturn Acts of Parliament. No one thinks it should. And I ask them if they want Brussels and Frankfurt to have more power over our economy. No one has ever said "Yes". The unity is impressive, tangible, passionate. It is based on common sense and instinct. It is held equally sincerely by businessmen trading in France and Germany and by pensioners worried about their savings. If I ask about gun considerable. trol, corporal punishment or school budgets there is no such unanimity.

The Prime Minister should see this strong belief in Britain's right to govern itself as a strength in the party. It invites him to renegotiate Britain's relationship and role in Europe. The party wants us to stay in a common market, but say no to a common government. The Govern-coment itself has already said that we need the beef ban lifted, that we need higher quotes for British fishermen to fish in British waters, that we should stop the budget ceiling being lifted to control the amount of money we send to Brussels, and that we need to limit the powers of the Court. Each response to a specific problem. It is now time to bring them all together

and seek a better deal. Some say that this would not be possible. They belittle Britain, implying that we have no clout or strength to bargain for such a settlement. They say fatalistically that France and Germany are the main players, and that we have only a part in the crowd scene with no good lines to deliver. I hope the Prime Minister can prove them wrong.

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n the Dublin negotiations, Britain has a lot of good cards. The members keenest on currency union want our agreement to a regulation legalising the euro — a different currency from the ecu proposed by treaty. We should veto that regulation unless we are given something in return. Britain also has a veto over the stability pact. We should veto that if progress is not made on our requirements. France and Germany wish us to agree a whole series of treaty amendments to drive the European Union towards political union. We can veto each and every one of them. We should say we will do so, unless we obtain satisfaction over limiting the power of the Buropean Court. In many cases we will also have to warn that even if we relent in due course, once we have secured what we want, we will never be bound by many of their amendments. We will always exclude ourselves from common borders or a common foreign and defence policy. We should set out a positive vision of a Europe of nations, based on freet trade, fewer regulations and less government interference. We should put jobs before constitutions.

Other countries privately resent the way France and Germany meet before every summit and issue instructions to the rest on what to do. Our diplomacy must be geared to understanding their feelings, and building alliances where we can. But it is the veto that is crucial to success. If France and Germany can occasionally be isolated, it will be a better Community than if they drive events

the whole time. Some people say that Cabinet unity is too fragile to permit such a course of action. I do not agree. The Home Secretary does not want to lose our border controls. Presumably the Foreign Secretary does not want to pass his responsibility over to a committee of ministers in Brussels. The Defence Secretary does not want the British Army to be sent into action after a majority vote we have lost. The Agriculture Minister wants a better deal on beef and fish. The Chancellor has agreed that it must be beyond doubt that no further controls or burdens will be placed on the British economy unless we decide to go into a single currency. It is time for the Cabinet to catch up with the united opinion in this country. Spare the veto and spoil the Union: wield the veto and unite party and country. The national interest and the party interest are the same. Keep Britain self-governing and there will be a

Bit of bias?

BOWLS is emerging as one of the National Lottery's biggest winners. Flat green, crown green, indoor and outdoor, the sport is clearing up. "Every day, we seem to get

ble for dishing up from the trough.

In fact, it is simple: the hands that trim those lawns and cut more and more applications for translucent cucumber slices for tea money from bowls clubs -- more are equally effective when turned than from any other kind of to filling out wodges of lottery



The bowlers are bolder - so they are cleaning up Lottery's cash

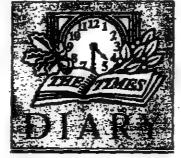
grant application forms. Estimates of successful applications reach £20 million. We now rank fourth in sports grants," says a proud Fred Inch, deputy secretary of the English Bowling Association in Worthing. We explained to our members how to apply in our yearbook and now hundreds of thousands of pounds are flooding in for new pavilions, converting greens from grass to artificial turf, bowls

When confronted by whingers from the Arts Council last month. Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, said: "Bowls clubs and Scout groups have done well out of the lottery because the people who run them appreciate the possibilities. The Arts Council can do the same."

Outrageous

IN NODDERS corner at the bar of the Garrick, they are conspiring against the member who wrote of the club in a national newspaper: Alexander Chancellor, the columnist and former Editor of The Spectator.

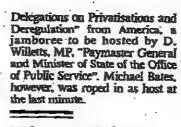
After the club was visited by the Queen recently, it withstood a spirited broadside from A.N. Wilson, a columnist in the Evening Standard. Chancellor responded in The



club," he wrote airily, "I am not allowed to divulge what goes on inside: but on this special occasion, I expect it is all right to report that the Queen was looking very well and rather cuddly in her nirquoise suit and that the Duke was wearing the salmon-and-cucumber Garrick Club tie which is so popular with the club's more estentatious members. I hate the tie myself and never wear it." He may no longer be able to. Moves are afout to expel him.

Will he?

THE HEAD may have come off David Willetts's political career, but the chicken is still running. Yesterday morning around London, invitations were delivered by hand to a reception in honour of Guardian. "As a member of the the "Leaders of the Congressional



Pig problems

GERMANY is reeling after the star of one of the most popular re-cent children's films, Rudi Snout the Racing Pig. died during filming. Seven pigs played the part of



Security is tight for the EU Summit

scene in which it had to drink five bottles of beer, stagger about a bit, then undergo an injection. An animal rights league is taking the producers to court under animal protection laws, brushing off suggestions that, after five bottles of good German beer, the beast died happier than the rest, which ended up as German sausages.

Rudi, but one didn't survive a

Not so civil

DECEMBER is a time for laughter in the home of Teresa Gorman, Technicolor Tory MP for Billericay, as shown by her Christmas card. Giving a firm kick to the council planners who ordered Mrs Gorman to remove certain additions they had made to their old farmhouse, it shows a goofy looking Robinson Crusoe type on a desert island, standing by his just completed shelter. Behind him looms a bowler-hatted civil servant saying: "Good morning, I'm from the council planning department -I'd like a word."

• la an Bist birthday tribute to Frank Sinatra, "Ole Blue Eyes", the Empire State Building in Manhattan was illuminated last night with hundreds of blue lights.



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DANGERS OF DISDAIN

Politicians cannot afford to ignore voters' views on Europe

The last refuge of a British politician on the defensive over Europe is to claim that the issue obsesses only a small coterie of metropolitan scribblers. While the "chattering classes" agonise over the single currency, they say, voters have more important things to worry about, such as hospitals, schools, crime or the economy. Our latest MORI poll puts the lie to that claim.

Asked what were the most importantissues facing Britain today, our respondents placed Europe only narrowly behind the top concern, health. For most of this year, Europe has ranked fifth in importance, mentioned by some 20 per cent. Now the issue has raced up to second place with 38 per cent. Of course, the argument has dominated the media; but for years there has barely been a month when it has not.

What makes the finding all the more interesting is that no single event has propelled Europe up the list. In the past, European dramas have tended to increase the salience Europe in voters' minds. But even Black Wednesday and Maastricht failed to boost the issue to the heights that it has now achleved. The 38 per cent of voters expressing concern about Europe this month compares with 22 per cent in the week after sterling crashed out of the exchange-rate mechanism and 19 per cent after the Government was forced to hold a vote of confidence over Maastricht. Nothing that has happened recently compares with those two events. Voters are now properly addressing their minds to one of the most critical issues this

country has faced since the war. Politicians across Europe have shown a disdain verging on the reckless for the views of their electorates about the future development of the EU. When the Danes voted against Maastricht, the treaty should have been rethought. Instead the Danes were told to carry on voting until they came back with the desired answer. The latest opinion poll in Germany shows that 61 per cent are alarmed by economic and monetary union. They reject the single currency by a margin of nearly two to one. Yet still Helmut Kohl ploughs ahead in bald defiance of the wishes of his people. Yesterday the German Chancellor seemed to have decided that if logical argument would not sway his voters, they would have to be scared into submission. The concept of the European Union is the only way we can set ourselves against nationalism, power politics and war." he claimed.

Certainly war has been prevented in Western Europe for the past half-century; the pacifying force has been NATO far more than the EU. But the notion that further integration is necessary to stop the Continent erupting into nationalism is highly questionable. The opposite is more likely: deeper integration is the greatest potential catalyst for conflict. When politicians go too far against the wishes of their voters. discontent arises. In Germany, where the mark is as toternic as the Union Jack to the British, EMU will bring real anger.

The single currency carries big dangers for democracy. In less competitive countries, it will lead to high levels of unemployment and long recessions. Voters will demand action, but governments will admit themselves impotent to address these problems, as they will have no control over interest rates or exchange rates. So voters will turn to opposition parties. But they too will have to throw up their hands. When this happens, the levers of democracy will be seen to be useless. It is bad enough when politicians do not listen. It is worse when they are powerless to respond. What more fertile ground could there be for the resurgence of nationalist parties? The protection of sovereignty is not just the hunger for power of greedy politicians; it is the sine qua non of healthy democracy, and of a peaceful Europe.

TRIMBLE'S TACTICS

Unionists mull their options as Major loses his majority

with the predictable Labour victory in the Barnsley East by-election last night, John Major's majority in the House of Commons finally ended. The fractious nature of the Conservatives in Parliament makes this a de facto minority administration: In such circumstances, usually less consequential parties acquire a new standing. David Trimble has now been cast as Westminster's warwick the Kingmaker, the man with the power to produce an earlier election and almost certain Conservative defeat.

To some of the old school in Ulster such a possibility seems shocking. Conservatives and Unionists share a long bloodline. Virtually all the most passionate supporters of their cause among mainland politicians remain within Tory ranks. Until recently Labour was considered distinctly hostile.

History, however, has two sides. It has been more than 20 years since the various Ulster Unionist groupings broke with Smith Square. Conservatives in office have a checkered record from a loyalist perspective: Edward Heath produced the Sumingdate compact for power-sharing: Margaret Thatcher the Anglo-Irish agreement of 1985; and John Major the Downing Street declaration.

By contrast, it was the Attlee Government which incorporated the rights of Northern Ireland's majority into statute in 1949, Harold Wilson who abandoned the Sunningdale framework, and James Callaghan who appointed Roy Mason, a supreme hawk on security matters, to run Northern Ireland's affairs. Just as in office the Tories must always bend over backwards on the National Health Service, the Labour Party in power can never appear soft on the IRA.

The past may give Mr Trimble food for thought; the immediate present, however, frames his calculations. A hung Parliament after the next contest would maximise his authority. If that possibility looks increasingly remote he must ponder how best to frame his relations with an incoming Labour Prime Minister. Hastening his. arrival may help Mr Trimble's influence.

The room for such strategies is more limited than it looks. The Labour Party is not come to offer the Unionists any arrang ments - explicit or implicit - before the election. Even if it did, no such bargain could be guaranteed once Tony Blair entered Downing Street. Nor can the Conservatives afford the impression that they would trade their positions in the peace process for parliamentary advantage.

Mr Trimble certainly should be talking to Mr Blair, as he will today. For while it is clear what Labour's stance on Northern Ireland now is not, it is far less certain what it actually is. If that dialogue forced Mr Blair and his associates to think through how they intend to handle what is becoming an increasingly difficult inheritance in Ulster. then the Opposition would be enriched by such conversations even it proved of no assistance in a confidence motion.

Despite all the temptation, Mr Trimble should avoid trying to be too clever by half. Ultimately, the Unionists must reach their conclusions based on the specific questions that confront them in the Commons and on the interests of their constituents both as residents of Northern Ireland and citizens of the United Kingdom. Single-issue politics and smoke-filled rooms are unlikely to deliver real rewards. There is nothing to be won from stating that Ulster is as British as Huntingdon or Sedgefield, and then behaving in a manner which suggests it is not.

OLD TARZAN'S PRACTICAL CATS

Run with the mice, but mouse with the cats

t cattery, fat cattery, No wild game's like fat cattery. There never was a trade for such

Executive stroking and cat flattery. For top cats are disappointed THAT The public always thinks of them as FAT. But anyone in business knows

Top cats are mean and lean and fit, And for Enterprise UK Inc. All more than do their bit. So yesterday top cats took breakfast (It was meant to be by stealth)

Proclaiming that their only business Is creating Britain's wealth. And not seven-figure salaries Nor a stretched cat limousine,

Nor the other top cat perquisites Which cat-haters call "obscene". Sir Colin of the British Airways

And John Neill of Unipart Told the rows of cat executives That they should now take heart.

Purr proud for privatised cat litter, Yowl the trumpet, scratch the drum, Proclaim how much they earn for Britain -THEN a better image will come. There were cats from oil, and cats from gas, And cats from the utilities,

And plutocats and Eurocats -But NO toms from public futilities. I might mention Mungocedric,

I could name-drop Pitcherbone And all those other top cats Careful cars sent their excuses, ...

Diplomatic pussies pleaded 'flu'. But the cats passed nem. con. a motion Of what every top cat knew: They are friends of Michael Heseltine, But to keep feline friendships fair,

They also count on the support Of arch catophile, nice Mr Tony Blair. Cats are not party political,

Nor against the windfall tax. They are just business analytical To get big government off their backs. And to show there is no nicer way To kill a cat than choking it with cream,

They had breakfast at the Lanesborough, The most expensive hotel ever seen. For site-owner of top cats' hotel Is hereditary fat cat of state: Norman Gros Veneur, "Fat Hunting Cat",

Of the Grosvenor Estate. Top cats are sleek, they can be fun, Women think they have the charm of Cupid. But they did not get where they have got From being rash or stupid. So the fat cats voted cream for all.

With a lobby to miaow it, With kippers and fish fingers, When some Chancellor will allow it. A clever cat eats cheese then breathes Down rat holes with baited breath.

But for cats to take up politics Would be like waiting death. So to parade their patriotic lack of fat. And keep open every OPTION, Whose share options are widely known. They'll wait till after the election For their campaign's ADOPTION:

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

Willetts case and MPs' standards

From Mr Andrew Dyke

Sir. The real shame of the report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges is their decision in future to take evidence from MPs under oath (re-ports, December 12): It is unterly disgraceful that Members have, by continuing misbehaviour and a dissembling disregard for the simple ethical code that governs the lives of most of us, allowed the esteem in which they are held to have fallen so far that even their colleagues no longer believe them to be likely to speak truthfully.

40 Compton Road. Winchmore Hill, N21.

Sir, Another "honourable" resignation brought about directly as a result of public condemnation by one's

Yours faithfully, PATRICK MULCAHY, -17 Milton Close,

From Mr Denis Meehan

brass neck.

practice of modern Conservatism.

with the shame of the few.

Yours faithfully, DEN'S MEELLAN AS 238 Upper Recimond Road, Pumey, SWIS December 12.

From Mr Bill Kearns 🐇

produce the more open government we were promised over a decade ago.

surprising that the leak has emerged as the counterbalance and check to further authoritarian administration. As a democrat Mr Heseltine should be pleased that our society is capable of adjusting to counter the influence and excesses of the powerful.

Southampton, Hampshire, December 12.

Monetary union

From Sir William Nicoll

Sir, Drawing on his experience as a Commission official involved in exchange-rate policy, Mr Bernard Con-nolly (letter, November 27) warns that even if Britain does not join the monetary union it may find itself in the toils of Article 109m of the treaty on European Union. This requires member. states to treat their exchange policy as a matter of common interest. Protocol Il makes it clear that this Article applies to the UK despite the opt-out.

Mr Connolly does not however re-mind us that Article 109m is not new. It is a watered-down version of the old Article 107. This went further than 109m by providing that if a member state seriously distorts the conditions of competition (eg, by devaluing), the Commission — unusually acting within its own powers - may authorise other member states to take counter-

Old Article 107 was never invoked against non-participants in the European monetary system. On precedent the new version will not be either. The practical demonstration is that

measures

last summer President Chirac did not seek to invoke it against what he then regarded as an undervalued lira; instead the French have now used it to secure Italy's re-entry into the EMS. Yours faithfully,

W. NICOLL (Director General. Council of the EU, 1982-91) Outback, Nackington Road, Canterbury, Kent. December 6.

> Business letters, page 27 Sport letters, page 38

Afghan struggle rooted in history

From the Bishop of Rochester ...

bringing down on myself the wrath of the pro-Soviet churches.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW DYKE, December 12.

From Mr Patrick Mulcahy

tion; where is the honour in a resignapeers, for patently dishonourable be-haviour?

Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire. December II.

Civil servants

Sir, The Deputy Prime Minister accuses civil servants of "leaking" confidential information and his evidence seems to consist of a file of press cuttings (report, December 11). What

For years now civil servants, like other public sector workers, have been rubbished by their political bosses. They have been privatised, contracted out, hived off into "agencies" and told at every conceivable opportunity that they were vastly inferior to their counterparts in the private sector. The very notion of public service as a good in itself has been all but destroyed by the free-market dogma and the sleazy

Michael Heseltine should give thanks that the loyalty of the vast majority of civil servants has survived intact this determined assault from his party, not brand the whole service

Sir, It is ironic that Mr Heseltine should be so concerned about leakage from the Civil Service. He has been a member of a government that has politicised the Civil Service; has confused the protection of information that needs to be protected for reasons of state security with information which, if disclosed, would be politically embarrassing to the present Government; and has shown no inclination to

In such an environment it is hardly

Yours ever, BILL KEARNS, Il Court Royal Mews, Northlands Road,

Albright's appointment From the Reverend Margaret L. Dodds

Sir, Your New York reporter does us all a disservice by discussing the appointment of Madeleine Albright as America's first female Secretary of State (December 6) in almost wholly sexist language.

He portrays this "divorced motherof-three" as one whose reputation for "unladylike" bluntness nevertheless allows her to "play to" a domestic audience in her "eagerness to please Congress" and who has "courted Senator lesse Helms" (who is "clearly charmed" by her, a sign he will not oppose the confirmation of her appointment). The final paragraph is devoted to her

perennial weight problem. I cannot imagine such an article

Hitler's Jewish soldiers

From Mr Charles Corman

Sir, Bernard Levin (article, "Hitler's martial Jews", December 6) agonises over those part-Jews and, occasionally, full-Jews who fought for Hitler in

the Second World War. The answer is to be found in the article itself. At no point does Mr Levin refer to their Jewishness or any ties they had with the Jewish religion, culture or heritage.

"Jewish blood", to use Mr Levin's expression, when divorced from Jewish spiritual values, makes a person no different from anyone else and therefore, in the Nazi era, just as capable as the next German of fighting for Hitler.

This issue is highly relevant, particularly in the context of today's moral debate, for all who cut off their links with their spiritual past.

Yours truly. CHARLES CORMAN, 2 Serjeants' Inn. EC4. December 9.

Sir, I am sure that your report by Anthony Loyd, "Starving Kabul sells bones of the dead to survive" (December 9), has moved many people. When, in the early 1980s, the Soviet Union supported a pro-communist re-gime in Afghanistan by sending troops, I opposed this action publicly,

By communist standards, however, the regime that came to power was: moderate and became increasingly so as it adapted to the Afghan context. Both the Western powers and the Pakistani military regime of the time were, nevertheless, determined to push the Soviets out and to make Afchanistan the "Vietnam" of the Soviet

Union. To this end, hundreds of millions of dollars worth of sophisticated arms were supplied to the Afghan Mujahidin fighting the Soviet-backed Gov-ernment. Many of these Mujakidin came from other parts of the Muslim world and most were trained and supported in Pakistan and in other neighbouring countries. Pakistan was also host to millions of Afghan refugees who were forced to flee the civil war and was the major conduit for arms

supplies. The Mujahidin were a motley crew representing a host of competing ideologies. Some were more moderate than others, but the harvest of western

support for them has been bitter in-The country of Afghanistan has

been destroyed by a generation of civil

war, the liberties of its citizens, espe-

cially of women. curtailed to an extent unimaginable under the former "com-munist" regime.

Pakistan is awash with arms and drugs and the violence these have brought. Now, according to your correspondent, it buys the bones of the dead. The battlefields have provided a fruitful training ground for militant fundamentalists from many different parts of the world. I believe that the Afghan struggle has influenced nearly every other conflict in the Muslim world, all because the West wanted to

teach the Soviet Union a lesson. 2. Churches in the West are not exempt from blame. Only too often they were co-opted by their governments to pick up the humanitarian costs of the conflict: very rarely did they ask whether the conflict was necessary.

Afghanistan is not an isolated instance of a political or strategic mistake. The West has supported conservative and even fundamentalist re-gimes throughout the region, while opposing "progressive" regimes such as that of Mosaddeq in Iran and Nasser in Egypt because its own interests were perceived to be in jeopardy. We are now reaping the whirlwind.

Both the Western powers and Pakistan now have a responsibility to ensure that basic human rights in Afghanistan are not violated in the name of culture or religion. The United Nations needs to bring pressure to bear on all groups to respect the rights of those who are powerless.

pressed. It is this depression which re-

It is depressing for patients to be

pigeonholed as suffering from a pri-

marily psychological illness when so

little hard data is presently available.

COLIN FINK (Clinical virologist

and general practitioner),

University of Birmingham

Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Research Park, Vincent Drive.

From Dr John H. Greensmith

Sir. The Royal Colleges joint report,

which at last recognises a genuine ill-

ness, comes out in favour of the term chronic fatigue syndrome rather than

ME, which it rightly criticises because there is no evidence for inflammation

of the brain and spinal cord. There

has long been some reservation in the

ME associations for the same reason.

however, is that it recognises a parti-

cular disorder rather than a number

of illnesses in which fatigue may be

but one factor and which could all be

subsumed under the more general

chronic fatigue syndrome. Let's keep

it, it is argued, until we find a more

Rather than bicker over nomencla-

One reason for clinging to ME,

Micropathology Ltd.

Institute of Research

and Development.

December 6.

Yours faithfully,

inforces the pattern of the illness.

Yours faithfully, **TMICHAEL ROFFEN:** Bishopscourt, Rochester, Kent. December 9.

Fatigue syndrome

From Dr Colin Flnk

Sir, There are a number of us who find ourselves outside the consensus of the Royal Colleges concerning socalled post-viral fatigue.

I have seen a number of patients with absolutely no previous evidence of psychiatric illness and normal personalities who nevertheless suffer the long drawn out difficulties of fatigue and unpredictable fits of exhaustion after an apparently trivial illness:

Contrary to Dr Thomas Stuttaford's comment (report, December 6) that "it is not a distinct disease caused by a single agent, we do not know whether a single agent is involved in triggering this illness or whether it is a particular. host response to a variety of infectious.

There is evidence from the literature that some individuals appear to develop a changed and blunted response to their own hormones, but on blood biochemical testing they appear to have normal hormone levels.

It is a matter of concern that many physicians have stopped looking at or listening to the patient and rely only on biochemical and laboratory data. A thorough medical history and careful examination can still provide most important diagnostic evidence of an

appropriate label. We are using and developing a number of molecular diagnostic techture, may I suggest that we all coniques of remarkable sensitivity coupoperate in some decently funded interled with thorough old fashioned medinational research and then, on the cine to try and see whether there is an basis of findings, worry about the best infectious agent that triggers this disname for it.

tressing condition. One of the diagnostic difficulties is that many patients who find them-selves chronically unwell and exhausted quite naturally become de-

> being printed about any previous Secretary of State. Her superb education is scarcely mentioned (Wellesley Col-

36a North Street, Downend, Bristol.

Yours faithfully

December 6.

JOHN GREENSMITH.

lege and Columbia). And surely your reporter could have found someone from the UN to assess her work besides the anonymous officials who passed on venomous undocumented epithets like "Half-Bright".

We need a more intelligent appraisal of this powerful appointment and its potential for good or ill in a changing world.

Yours faithfully. MARGARET L. DODDS (Co-Pastor. North Bradford Group United Reformed Church), 418 Livingstone Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire. December 6.

Scottish justice

From Mr Robert Clow

Sir, Yesterday's second leader, "Lanark lessons", referred to the "occasion-al" superiority of Scots to English law. Those who live up here might be forgiven if they normally referred to the occasional superiority of the English variety, when reading your reports on criminal justice.

At its best, there would appear to be a greater chance of obtaining justice under Scots law; at its worst, if a member of the criminal class, one can occa sionally go "scot-free" (no relation) should the case be "not proven".

Yours faithfully, ROBERT CLOW. Aiket Castle. Dunlop, Ayrshire.

Letters that are intended for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number 0171-782 5046.

Financial crisis at Royal Academy

From Mr Richard Sorrell

Sir, When reading of the Royal Academy's troubles (reports and article, December 7), one cannot but reflect that this fine institution deserves

The great exhibitions introduce fine art to the public as do the state-funded museums. The Summer Exhibitions encourage artists on an enormous scale. The schools, now more than ever before, provide unrivalled teaching. They are alone in offering a threeyear postgraduate course which throws a bridge across that chasm between being a student and being an

The RA is a national treasure.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD SORRELL Flower Cottage, Chapel Street, Welford-on-Avon, Warwickshire. December 8.

From Mrs Humphrey Brooke Sir, No institution in possession of the Michaelangelo Tondo and the finest exhibition galleries in Europe can be considered to be in anything but tem-

porary financial difficulties. The Royal Academy was founded by artists for artists with two main statutory aims: the maintenance of the Royal Academy Schools and an annual exhibition of works by living art-

If the other exhibitions prove too costly to mount for a time, I feel confident that there are many other organisations which, with the approval of the President and council, would be only too delighted to hire the unparalleled galleries for exhibitions during the winter months at a market rent.

Yours faithfully, NATHALIE BROOKE. Flat 3, 11 Onslow Square, SW7.

December 11.

From Mrs Diana King Sir, As there are about 70,000 Friends of the RA, of whom I am one, surely we can help. If each donated £50 to the cause the immediate condition would

be alleviated. We joined to help the Academy, not just to obtain free tickets. Now is the time to show our allegiance and good

will. Let's do it! Recriminations can come later. Yours faithfully.

3LiMarloes Road, WS. December 7. .

DIANA KING

From the Secretary of the Royal Academy of Arts Sir. In his article on the Royal Academy's financial position Richard Mor-

rison-refers to "allegations of ... borrowing' from the pension fund". No money has been removed from the pension scheme. As the result of an administrative error payments totalling £200,000 due to the scheme were not made. This will be rectified. The auditors have not "been unable to complete the audit for the year ending

September 1996" (report, same day). They simply have not yet finished it. Your front-page report surmised that it was the intention of the President and myself to "remove control" of the Royal Academy from the council. In fact we intend to supply council

with much more, and better, information on which to base decisions. Finally, there is no plan to convert one of the Sackler galleries into a cafe. There is a plan, which council has approved, for a new Sculpture Court cafe by the lift on the ground floor of the Sackler Wing.

Secretary. Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, WI.

DAVID GORDON.

Yours faithfully.

December II. From Mr Tom McLean Sir, So, the Royal Academy and the

British Museum need more help from accountants. May we expect progress in these two institutions similar to that made in the NHS in the past 20 years?

Yours faithfully, TOM MCLEAN, Ings End, Rimington, Clitheroe, Lancashire.

Cash crisis

December 9.

From Mr R. D. Cohen

Sir, As if the advent of the year 2000 does not cause information technologists enough stress, where is the new logo for the curo (report, December 12) to be found on the owerty keyboard?

Yours faithfully, ROGER COHEN, 4i Hale Lane, Mill Hill. NW7. December 12.

Everything must go?

From Mr David Mowat Sir, When I asked two small carollers at my door last evening: "What cause

are you collecting for?", the tailer one

said: "We're saving it up for the Jan-

Yours faithfully DAVID MOWAT, 7 Freshfield Road. Formby, Liverpool. December 3.

uary sales."

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 13: The Amir of the State of Qatar and Shaikha Mouza visited The Queen.

Her Excellency Mrs Saida Chiloui was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of her predecessor and her own Leners of Credence as Ambassador from the Republic of Tunisia to the Court of St James's. Mr Robertson Young (Deputy

Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)

His Excellency Jonkheer Pros-Thuysbaert and Mrs Thuysbaert were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Kingdom of Belgium to the Court of St James's.

ST JAMES'S PALACE December 13: The Prince of Wales this morning visited Wiston House Conference Centre, Wilton Park, Steyning, in honour of its Fiftieth Armiversary and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex (Major General Sir

Philip Ward). His Royal Highness spoke at a conference on "A Sense of the Sacred — Building Bridges betwen Islam and the West" and after-wards attended a Luncheon.

riquisning me appoinment. His Royal Highness, Colonel-inChief, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, this afternoon received Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Cass on assuming command of the 2nd Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew Whistler on relinquishing the appointment.

December 13: The Princess Mar-

garet, Countess of Snowdon, President. The Royal Ballet, this afternoon attended the Kenneth

MacMillan Choreographic Com-petition at the Royal Ballet School, White Lodge, Richmond Park,

December 13: The Duchess of

Gloucester, accompanied by The

Duke of Gloucester, today took the

Salute at the Sovereign's Parade at

the Royal Military Academy Sand-

received on arrival by Her Maj-esty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr Philip Wroughton).

YORK HOUSE
December 13: The Duke of Kent,
Colonel-in-Chiel, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, today received
Lieutenant-Colonel Charles

O'Brien on assuming command of the 5th Battalion and Lieutenant-

Colonel Keith Walter on rel-inquishing the appointment

Their Royal Highnesses were

KENSINGTON PALACE

Lincoln's Inn Masters of the Beach Colonel David Hills has been appointed Under Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn in succession to Captain Malcolm Carver RN. Colonel Hills will start work in May and will take over when Captain Carver retires on August Masters of the Bench of the Inner 31, 1997, after 15 years service.

Cumberland Lodge Dr Eric Anderson, Rector of Lin-coln College, Oxford, is to succeed Lord Moore of Wolvercote as Chairman of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Foundation

Election Royal London Yacist Club Mr Keith Topley has been elected Commodore of the Royal London Yacht Club in succession to Mr

Inner Temple

Mr Justice Keith, Judge Weeks, QC, Mr Michael Spencer, QC, Mr Roderick Denyer, QC, Miss Genevra Caws, QC, Mr Victor Temple, QC, and Mr Richard Plender, QC, have been elected Masters of the Resect of the Justice

Election

Headwasters' and stresses' Conference Mr Michael B. Mavor, Head Master of Rugby School, has been elected Chairman of The Head-

Conference for the year 1997.

Legal appointment Circuit Judge Mr Adrian Charles Smith to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the Northern Circuit.

Scottish Episcopal Church

Episcopal Church, has been ap-pointed Pantonian Professor of Theology and as such has been installed as Canon of St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Ordinations and appointments

Ingrid St Clair Cosby, previously NS Deacon at St Mary's, Stromness, has been ordained to the priesthood. She remains at St. Mary's as NS Priest. Eleanor Morson, Assistant Priest at St Olaf's, Kirkwall, has been

appointed Assistant Minister at St Magnus (Church of Scotland) Cathedral. This is in addition

The Rev Rosemary Nixon, Director and Principal of the Theological Institute of the Scottish Episcopal Church, has been as Diocese of Glasgow and

George Newlands has been issued with a Warrant to officiate in the

Ivan Thomas Draper, Hon Assistant Curate at St Bride's, Glasgow, has been licensed as Temporary Priest in Charge at St Bride's for six months from November 10. Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane

Jonathan Patrick Mason, pre-viously Assistant Curate at Old St Paul's, Edinburgh, has been ap-pointed Rector at All Saints, St



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TODAY: Captain the Hon Sir Nicholas Bezumont, 67; Mr Vivian Bendall, MP, 58; Professor Richard Cassilly, operatic tenor, 69; General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick,

84; the Right Rev J.B.R. Grindrod, former Archbishop of Brisbane and Primate of Australia, 77; Sir Anthony Kershaw, former MP, 81: Miss Barbara Leigh-Hunt, acress, 61; Mr Thomas McAvoy, MP, 53; Sir Makolin McIntosh, civil servant, 51; Mr C.R. Morris, former MP, 70; Mr Alberto Morrocco, painter. 79; Mr Toby Newth, Governor. Exeter prison, 59; Sir

Dame Ruth Railton, founder, Nat-

arespers, waser ISBCD).

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL College Green: 7.40 M:

SICC 10 Choral Euch, The Gloucesier Mass
(Shepharol Tale Is the record of John
(Globons), Caroon P Johnson; 3.30 Choral E.
Westey Inf. Heer my prayer (Mendelssoho),
Caroon J Simpson.

Dean.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 7.45 M: 8 HC; 10.30 S

Euch, O quam glorionum (Victoria), This is the
record of John (Globons), Archdescon D

Turnbull: 3 E. Popular Carol Service.

CHELIMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 730 MP; 8 HC.

Rev I Moody, 9.30 Euch, Rev J Jones: 11.15 S

Euch, Mass of the Quier Hour foldraydi, Canop

D Krighir, & Choral E. Short Service (Globors),

This is the record of John (Globors), Rev I

Moody.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8 HC: 10 Euch. Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Canon M

CHESTER CATHEDRAL! 7.45 I. 8 HC. 10 Euch.
Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina). Canon M
Reet: 11.30 Choral M. & Holy Baptism.
Semedicite (Harris in A). Thou judge of quick
and dead (Wesley). Canon M Reets: 3.30 Choral
E. Fifth Service (Tomidins). Rorate coel
(Palestrinat: 6.30 Christingle Service, The Dean.
CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL 8 HC. 10 M.
Benedicite (Jackson in G). Come my way
(Cooper). The Treasurer: 11 S Buch. O quan
gioriosum (Victoris), Prevent us O Lord (Byrd).
R Rev M Marshall: 1.45 Seaford College Carol
Serv. 3.30 E. Chichesier Serv (Berticley), Prepare
ye the way of the Lord (Wise).
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Oxford: 8 HC.
10 M & Sermon, Benedicite (Chand), Rev T
Williams: 11.15 S Buch. Mass (Strawinsky), Palest
noster (Stawinsky). Canon Websier, 6 E.
Chichester Serv (Walton), Gestifiches Led
(Brahms).
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP. 8
COMMUNICY (O.30 Euch. Litany (Wright), This
is the record of John (Gibbons), Canon C Burch.
DURHAM CATHEDRAL; 8 HC, Canon M Perry,
10 M, Benedicite in A (Harris), Thou judge of
quick and dead (Wesley), Canon D Brown: 11.15
HC, Mass in E (Iar (Reinberger), Canon D
Hodgson: 3.30 E. The Second Service (Gibbons),
This is the record of John (Gibbons).

Simpson. RBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 , Ridout in F. Prope est Dominus d. Rev K Wilkinson; 3.15 E. Moore in G. of Sion (Jackson): 6.30 Compline, The

Third Sunday in Advent

ional Youth Orchestra, 81; Mr Stan Smith, tennis player, 50; Mr Roy Thomason, MP, 52: Sir Simon Towneley, Lord-Lieutenant of Lan-

cashire, 75; Miss Rosalyn Tureck, conductor, 82: Mr Peter Williams. rugby league player, 36. TOMORROW: Mr David Abell former chairman and chief execurive, Suter, 54; Mrs Valerie Aggett, former Principal, Holborn Law College, 46; Mr Michael Bogdanov, theatre director, 58; Mr Clive Brittain, racehorse trainer,

Weekend birthdays 63; the Earl of Buckinghamshire 63; the Earl of Buckinghamshire, 52; Dr S.A. Checkley, psychiatrist, 51; Professor Ivor Crewe, Vice-Chancellor, Essex University, 51; Lord Croham, 79; Mr Lanfranco Dettori, Jockey, 26; Sir Graham Dorey, Bailiff of Guernsey, 64; Air Marshal Sir John Fizzpatrick, 67; Miss Ida Haendel, violinist, 72; Mr Gunnar Hägglöf, GCVO, Swedish diplomat, 92; Sir Henry Hardman, civil servant, 91; Mr Oliver Heald, MP, 42; Mr Kevin Hughes, MP,

MP, 42; Mr Kevin Hughes, MP, 44; Mr Don Johnson, actor, 47; Mr Joe Jordan, football manager, 45;

General Sir Frank Kitson. 70; Miss Henrietta Knight, racehorse trainer, 50: Deaconess Dr Una Kroll, writer and broadcaster, 71;
Mr David McMurray, Headmaster, Oundle School, 59; Mr
Oscar Niemeyer, architect, 89;
Miss Edna O'Brien, writer, 60; Mr Brian Roper, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, University of North London, 47; Commandant Anne Spencer, former director, WRNS, St. Professor Sir John Meurig Thomas, FRS, Master, Peterhouse, Cambridge, 64; Professor M.H.F. Wilkins, FRS. biophysicist, Nobel prizewinner 1962, 80.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.D. Brewer and Miss A.P. Perricone

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Brewer, of Gomersal, West Yorkshire, and Alexandra, daughter of the late Dott Mario Perricone and of Mrs Mario Perricone.

Mr D. Edelman

and Miss S. Page
The marriage takes place today in
the City of London, of Daniel Edelman, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Jack Edelman, and Samantha Page, only daughter of Mr Jeremy Page and Mrs Carolyn Finlay-

Dr A.J.L. Jowett and Dr S.E. Joyner The engagement is announced between Andrew James Lund, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Jowett, of Poole, Dorset, and Saskia Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Miles Joyner, of

Huxham, Devon. Mr J.D. Letts nd Miss C.J. Friend between Daniel, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Letts, of London, and Katie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Irvine

Friend, of Mucklestone Old Rec tory, Market Drayton, Shropshire. Mr N.D.G. Williams and Miss D.E. Davis The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Brigadier and Mrs Tom William

Tonbridge, Kent. and Diana. daughter of Mr and Mrs H. David Davis, of Kensington, London and Washington DC, USA.

and Dr J.S. Meecham Dr and Mrs John Meecham, of Heswall, Wirral, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to John, son of Mr and Mrs Ron Burton, of Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Mr S.K. Thorpe and Miss J.R. Morris

The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Thorpe, of Ergue Gaberic, Brittany, and Julia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Morris, of Guildford, Surrey.

Marriage

Mr A. Down and Miss J. Minoprio

The marriage has taken place between Mr Ashley Down, of Sydney, Australia, and Miss Jo Minoprio, youngest daughter of Mr Michael Minoprio, of London. and Mrs Peter Hudson, of

Somerset.

Glass Sellers' Company The following have been installed as officers of the Glass Sellers Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Robert L. Thomas, Prime Warden, Mr John R. Hitch:

Renter Warden, Mr Christopher

Anniversaries are on the facing page

Church services tomorrow

THIRD SUREACY IT ADVENT.

ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL ABERDEEN: 8
HC: 10,15 S Euch: 6.30 Choral E.
ARMAGN CATHEDRAL! 10 HC: 11 S Euch.
O'Carroll in D. This is the record of John (Gibbons). The Dean; 3,15 Choral E. Sumsion in G. Rejolce in the Lord (Redford). HAIR WORL & SOUND (FEECHET).

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch,
Darke in F. View me Lord (Lloyd). Canon Ison:
11.15 M. Benedickie (Sumsion in 8 flash; This is
the record of John (Gibbons). The Dean; 3 E,
Noble in 8 minor, And I saw a new heaven
flashnon; 6.30 Evenius. Never weather-beaten BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 Choral C. DArke In F. Tuls is the record of John (Gibbonsi: 3.30 Choral E. Murrill in E. Rejoice in the Lord 3.30 Choral E, Murrill in E, Rejoice in the Lord siway (Anon).

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP: 9,15 HC: 11 Choral Euch. O quam gloriesum (Victoria), Benedictus (Dyson in D), Rt Rev J Austin: 4 Choral E, Noble in A. This is the record of John (Gibbons). Rev P Warts.

BIACREVIEN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Canon Hindley: 9,30 Televised Advent Service, This is the record of John (Gibbons), The Provost: 10,30 HC. The Provost: 4 Choral E. This is the record of John (Gibbons), Canon D Gallice.

BRECON CATHEDRAL: 8 Holy Euch; 11 M. Senedictus (Stanford in B (Bai), Rejote in the Lord alway (Purcelli: 3.30 E. Ireland in F. Steepers, wake: (Bach).

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL College Green: 7.40 M:

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL: S.12.15 HC; 10.15 Euch, Kyrie Orbis Factor (Plainsong), Sunford to C. Canon N Chartleid; 3 E. Höweils in B minor, Out of your sleep arise and wake (Renner) ornitude of the control of the contr

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Euch, Mozert in C (K259), This is no rose (Joubert), The Chancellor; 2.45 Bach Choir Christmas Concert. LICHPIELO CATHEDRAL: S HC: 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berseley), The Advent Prose (Lloyd). Prepare thyself Zion (Bach). The Tressurer; 3.30 E, Sumston in G, Vox dicentis (Naylor).

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC: 10.30 Euch, Canon N Vincent, 3 Blessing of the Crib and lighting of the tree Carol Service; 4 HC.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M: 8 HC, The Provist: 9.30 S Euch, Short Serv (Tailis), The Lamb (Taveser), The Provist: 6 Choral E, Belrstow in G, This is the record of John (Chibbons) NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Missa NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley). Hymne a la Vierge (Villeia: 6.30 Choral E. Noble in A minor, The truth from abore (Vaughan Williams).

NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MF: 8, 9.15 HC: 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa brevis (Ives), O sacrum convivium (Near), Archdeacon of Lynr; 3.30 E, Chichester serv (Walton), Ave maris stella (Greigs, The Dean? Norwich School caro) serv. PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC: 9.30 M, Benedickie in G (Backson); 10.30 Euch, Missa O quam gioriosum (Victoria), The Precentor; 3.30 E. Stanford in G. Angelus ad Virginem (Trad, Bit Carter)

PORTEMOUTH CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 HC, The Provost; 11 Sung Euch, The Provost; 6.30 E. The Precentor.

RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch, Canon M.

The Preventor.

RIPON CATHEDBAL: 8 Euch. Canon M Ganville-Smith; 9:30 Parish Euch, treiand in C. What is the record of John (Globons), Archdescon of Richmond: 11:30 M. Benedictus Dominus Dessi (Stanford in C. Jubillate (Noble in S. Prepare ye the way of the Lord (Wise; 12:30 Euch, Canon H Garside, 5:30 E & Ceremony of Carols (Britnen), Pausbourdons (Holmes). Cermond of Carols (Britnen).

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 MC 945 M. Benedictie (Sumsion in B flat), People look east

(Perguson); 10.30 S Euch. Mass for five voices (Byrd), People 100k east (Perguson), Canon R Lea; 3.15 E. Gioucester Service (Howells), This is the record of John (Gibbons). HEFFIELD CATHEDRAL S HC: 10 MP; 10.30 is coch. Spauletnesse (Motzard, Are verum Motzard, Ven M Paulet HF 6.30 ST Lufer Hospice Silver Jubice Service, Wesley in E. Vox Dicentis (Neyloc), Prof E Wilkes. Dicents (Neylof), Frot E wittes.

\$00THWELL MINSTER: 7.45 Litary; \$ FIC:
9.30 Parish C. Miss M S Liles: 11 M, Benedicise
et Salvator Mundi (Ashfield), Prepare ye the work
(Wise), Raw P G Wight: 3.15 E. 51 Paul's Service
(Hose), Raw P G Wight: 3.15 E. 51 Paul's Service
Healing S, Rev J Harding. fruro Cathedral: 8 HC: 9 M: 10 S Euch, kyrle Sanctus Benedictus Durufië, this is the record of John (Gibbons), The Tressurer 6 E. Sumsion in A. Voz dicentis (Naylor), The Treasurer.

WAKEPIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Canon D
Butter: 9.15 Parish C. People look east
Besancon Carol), Canon I Knoc II Solemn
Buch, Missa Brevts (Rodely), Benedictre
Backson in CD, Canon G Natro-Briggs; 4
Walmistley In D minor, Vox diernia (Naylor),
The Praces The Provest.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 Sung Euch, Darke in E, O Christ, O biessed Lord (Wagner), the Dean: 11.30 M. Holroyd in D. Steepers wake (Mendelssechn); 3 E. Stainer in B Bat, Hossanusi (Gibbons), Peeb F J Riley; 7.30 Concert.

WESTMINSTER ABBET 8 HC; 130 concerns in C Stanford, Prepare the way (Wise), Canon D Hutt, 11.15 Euch, Missa brevis (Harvey), Rejoice in the Lord alway (Anon), Oculi omnium Wood), Rev B Fenion; 3 E, Service for treble Weekerl, Leething tooli (byrd), Rev P O Hotel
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 M.
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ollate in C (Britten), Veni Domine (Esquival), nart Andres; 1 i 30 Euch, Mass for five volces rd), Ave Maria (Parsons): 3.30 E, Collegium gale [Howells], Cabrille ruba in Sion ORCESTER CATHEDRAL 9.30 Family Euch.

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5T ASAPR CATHEDRAL Ctwyd: 8 HC 11
Choral Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells,
Lasset uns froioken (Mendelssohn), Rev
Chancellor D Res: 3.30 Choral E, I walted for
the Lord (Mendelssohn). ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 Cymun Bendigaid. Yr is Ganon: 9.30 Parish Ruch. The Dean: 11.15 Choral M. Benedicite (Sumston in B flat), Adam lay ybounden (Ord). The Dean: 6 Choral E. Walmistey in D minor, O Lord give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis). The Canon. Spirit (Tallis), The Canon.

ST EDMUNDSBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 S
Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells, Darke, Ave
verum (Eigari; 1: 30 Choral M, Monre! Wilan,
Expend O Lord (Tallis); 3:30 Choral E, Howard
in A fizz, Thon wife keep him (Hallam).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10,
6 LM: 11:30 Sojemn M, Rorate coeli (Haydri),
Jubliate Deo (McZard, Rev J E Cronin; 4 Carol serv. ST GHES CATHEDRAL Edinburgh: 8 HC, The Minister: 10 HC, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), the ST MACRAR'S CATREDRAL, Old Aberd Morning, Record of John (Gibbons), H io the Son (Weelkes), Rev R Frazer, 6 Eve Thorn.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: S HC: 8.45 M:

11 S Euch. Missa de la Baralia Escouraz
(Guerrero), Benedictus in D (Dyson), Rejoice in
the Lord alway (Anon), Rev M Saward; 1.15 E.
Child for four meanes, Judge me O God
plendeisschin), Rev A Boddingon; 5.15 Recital.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
Ennismore Gardens, London, SW7: 10.30
Diving Liturgy, Elevan and maditional
polyphony, Diocesan Rishop Met. Anthony.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 2,5.15 LM: 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Missa Brevis in G (Mozart), Bev J Peterson: 6 E&B, Weison in E, Rev I Davies, ALL SOULS, Lengham Place, WI: Communion; I | Family Service, Rev R Bev 6.30 Carols by Candletight, Rev J Cook. THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, WI: 11 Western Wind Mass (Eaverner), Hosanna fillo David (Casall), Rorate coell desuper (Guerrero). CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, 5W3: 8 HC. 10 Children; 11 M, O thou the central orb (Wood), Rev Dr Elvy; 12.15 HC; 6 E, Rev D Bean. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH, CHOOM SI, 1971: 11 Sunday School. CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covers Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev J McMahon; 6.30 Rev S Hood, HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road 5W7: (Monday) 7.30 Carols by candlelight, Rev N Gumbel, Rev S Millar. ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Iversa Gdus, W8: 11 Holy Mass, Archbishop Y WESLEYS CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; ri morning, Rev Dr L Gittliffes, et a. 4.45 MC, wastiminster, Central Hall (Methodist), SW I: 11, 6.30, ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, ECZ: 11 Choral Buch, Sev P Schmiege; 2, swahlit Christmas Celebration; 7 Bech Vespers, Schwing I treudig such empor (Bach), Nun kommon der Heiden Heiland (Waller), Rev P Schmiege.

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5T BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield.
5Cl: 9 HC: 11 Choral Ench, Missa Solemnis
(Langlais), Revs Cuit: 6.30 E, Collegium Regale
(Howells), O quam sawis est Domine (Lobo),
Alma Redemptoris Maier (Palestrina). The Alma Redemptoris Masier (Palestrica), The Rector.

ST BENDE'S, Pleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Such, Jubilate Benediche (Lloyd), Noble in Bullot. There is no rose (Joubert, Canon J Oates: 6.30 Choral E, Plainsong Evensong for Men's Youles, A Ceremony of Carols (Britten), Canon J Oates.

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ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral Euch, Darks
In F, Ave Maria (Parsons), Rev P Bishop.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCUTLAND, Form
Street, SW!: 11 A Vision of Christmas; 6.30 Rev
C MacLeol. ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 9, 11 Masses,

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W!: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Victoria), The Rector. ST JAMES'S, Susser Gardens, W2: 8 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevia (Palestrina). Jerusalem Surge (Isaac), Rev & Wilson: 6 Chorai E, Surnsion In G. How beautiful (Stainer). STJAMES'S, Pictadilly: 8.30 HC; 11 5 Euch. Rev S Cathle: 5.45 EP.

EF & Fraise, Rev J Richardson.
ST LURETS. Cheisea. SW3: 10.30 S Euch. This is the record of John (Gibbons), Rev J Hadley.
12.15 HC: 8.30 E. Prepare ye the way of the Lord (Wise), Rev L Matabula.
ST MARRS. Regears Park Rd. NW1: 8 HC: 9.45 Pamily Communion: 11 S Each. Short Service (Batten), Lord we beseath thee (Batten). Rev T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARETS, Westminster, SWI: 11 S Euch, Missa assemia Chrisi munera. Thee shall a star (Mendelssohn), Rev Dr P Bradshaw. • MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 E. The Vicar: 11.30 Visitors: 5, Rev 8 Schünemann: 12.30 HC, Rev W Raichford: 2.45 Chinese S, Rev G Lee: 5 Choral E; 6.30 ES, Rev Clare Herbert. ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington WS: 9.30 Euch, Bishop of Kensington: 11,15 Choral M, Pather Gelli; 6,30 E, Mr Nigel Pain.

MARYS, Bourne Street, SW(; 8, 10, 7 LM; 1) 6. Missa in C K258 Spant-messe (Mozart), rd Buncle; 6 E & B. ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road: Wi: 8 HC: 11 Choral Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd). This is the record of John (Globons). ST PAUL'S, Wilton Piace, SW1: 8.9 HC; 11 Messe ours jubilo (Durufié), Rev Neil Dawson. ST PETER'S, Earon Square, SWI: 8.15 HC; 10 Pamily Euch; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Mon coeur se recommande a vous (Eccard), Fr A.R. CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCUIA, HOW TOWER of Inndon: 9.15 MC, Rev F R C Abram: 14 M. RESPONDES (Smith), Benedicite (Sumsion), A: Behold the hour cometh (Tomatins), Rev P R C Abram.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. REMETE PRIME: 8.30 HC: 11.15 Carols.

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GROSVENOR CHAPEL. South Andley Street. Rejoice in the Lord (Purcell).

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QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M. Te deum (Stanford in S flad, This is the record (Gibbons), Rev A Wynne; 12.30 HC.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC: 11.30 Carol \$; 3 Children's Carol \$.

GUARDS CRAPEL, Wellington Barracks. SWI: 11 Lessons and Carols, 12 HC: 6 Lessons and carols, Great songs of Christmas (art Lowden), Band of trish Guards.

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RARHWELL - On December Sta to Diamuid and Jean (née Aithm), in Fudderschild, a son, Alexander Liam, a brother to George. brother to George.

CHANDLER - On 13th
December to Jane (née
Eumphries) and Peter, a
beautiful daughter, Lucy
Florence, a much wanted
sister for Endly, Christian
and Robert.

COLEOURNE - On November
29th, to Charles and
Caroline (née Westench), a
daughter, Georgian Jennifer
Kadina.

CHEREE - On 12th December in

URINE - On 12th December is Oxford, to Sophie (ne-Emslie-Smith) and Baxter, son, Finley Andrew.

AMMASKOS - On December 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Eugenia (wife Chandris) and John, triplets Philip, Anastaria and Hyrto. DOUGLAS-BATE- On December 10th 1996, to Jan (née Deffin), wite of Empert, a son, Toblas Alexander. A brother for Laura and Sam.

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EMABUIL - On November 28th, to Karm (née Kebeln), & Petez, a lovely son, David. PRAMOSEN - On December 1st, in Copanhagem, to Reboca (née Shaw), and Jargun, a daughter, Madeleine Victoria.

HUMPHREY - On the 10th December, in Kingston Hospital, to John and Nazzina, a daughter, jeastne. HOSS - On 9th December at The Portland Hospital, to Maria and Dominie, a daughter, Elizabeth Sarah Mar.

SAER-On 10th December at St Mary's Faddington to Victoria (née Nott) and Angus a daughter Amelia Mary. TATE - On December 9th at The Fortland Hospital, to Michelle (née Dann) and Jonathan, a becutful son, William, a brother for Alex. TCHEM - On December 2nd, 1996 to Piona (née Cottam) and Christopher, a son.

TRUELOWE - On Sto December 1996, to Paula (née Chismail) and Charles, a son, James Faul John.

YOUNG - On December 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Melanie and Keith, a beautiful daughter, Alexandra, a sister for logather.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

PAUL:WEEDEN - On 14th December, 1946, at St Osmond's, Osmington, Donet, John Paul to Audrey Weeden formerly of Weymouth, Sierza Leone, The Gambin, Beitze, The Bahannas and the Isle of Man; now at Sherfeld-on-Lodden, Hampshire.

DEATHS

CLARK - Joyce Margaret peacefully at home on December 12th 1996, aged 35 years. Much loved mother of Susan, Ann and George and a beloved granny. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Gremoside, Sheffield on Thursday December 19th at 245pm after a private cremation. No flowers piesse. Donations, in lieu, for The British Red Cross Society to A E Beward F/D, 2a Penistone Road, Granoside, Sheffield, 530 30G.

CRAKTOM - On 10th December 1996, Isabel Dorsens Tennant, suddenly but pescafully Dear and loved wife of Leonard, Wing Commander HAF (KID) and loving mother of Lesiss and Fallippa. Private cremation for family and close friends only on Friday 20th December. No flowers. Densetions if desired to the traitsh Diabetic Association of Davies Funant Services, Wallis House, Milford-on-Sea, Hanta, \$041 OCD.

DAMIELL - Brigadier Robert Busseston Thesiger D.S.O. 3rd Boyal Horse Artillery on December 11th, pessefully in his 96 year. Husband of the late Betty, Funcial and Savvien of Thanksgiving at St. Ethelberts Church, Hesser, ar Bury St.Edmends, at 12 hoon, on Thursday 19th December. Flowers to A. E. Thurlow & Son, Ixworth, Suffolk.

DEATHS

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HELD - On December 12th at Nother Walloy, Hampshira, Wilfred John Sutcliffe (Jack), aged 87, formesty of North Elmham, Norfolk. Beloved husband of the late Vivien and much loved father of Jodith and Louise. Funeral Service to be held at St. Nicholas Church, Twyford, Norfolk on Saturday December 21st at 11am. Flowers may be sent to Hendry & Sons FID, Foulsham, Norfolk.

Foulsham, Norfolk.
FORRESTER - Peacufully at home on Wednesday 11th December 1996, Alexander Clarkson, formerly Professor of Amesthesia at Glasgow University and Glasgow University and Glasgow Hoyal Infirmary, Dearly loved husband of Agnes, much loved father of James, Alistair and Domiel and a loving guandfather. Peneral Service in Dundee Crematorium, on Mozday December 16th, at 3pss. Alifriends are respectfully invited.

on December 11th 1994, after a short Shees. Much loved much of Dephas and Susan. Femeral at Mortiaks Crematorium on Inursday December 19th 1996, at 12 noon. noon.

HARLEY MASCH - Marier joyce
(Joy) peacefully on 11th
December aged 79
sometime Headmistrage of
Everlay, Selburst and
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Pument Service at 2,30 pm
on Thursday 19th December
at St Savicurs Church,
Guildford, followed by
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445, tol. (01483) 567394.

HORME - Stanley Waiter

HORNE - Stanley Walter peacefully on December 9th at St Edmund's Hospital Memorial Service on December 18th at 2 pm at St Giles Church, Northampton. Gles Church, Rorthampton.

MRRES - Susie (née Farris) on
Thursday 5th December
pescafully in her sleep after
a short timess. Adored wife
of Robert and beloved
daughter of Frank, A special
memorial service will take
place in the new year to
celebrate her tife.

LEE - On Wednesday 11th December 1996, F.G. Spencer suddenly at home, aged 67 years. Very much loved husband of joun, dear father of Sarah, Karen and Christopher and loving gaundiather of Elemor and Adam Frivate cremation. Family flowers only. A service of Thanksgiving will be held at All Saints Caunth, Braunston at 2.30pm on Saintagy 4th jamuny 1997. Domations, if wished, for The British Legion, Braunston Baunch clo Towers & Son FS, Church Street, Crick, Northampton, NR6 7TP, Tel: 01788 822349.

Description of Maria Links, burn Breslen 27th Februsry 1910, died Bushey, Herts 30th November 1996. Engineer and physicist, formerly of P.O. Telscom. Admired and loved by his many friends. LUMD - Peacefully on December 12th, in her 103rd year, Margaret Bellintine, dence sinter of the heat H. K. B. Lund. Funeral Service at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Friday 20th December, at 2pm.

1996, at the Conquest 1996, at the Conquest Hospiral, Hastings, Hilary Mary, Geer Sister of Housen, Richard and Meriel and much loved sunt and goat aunt. Funeral at St. Mary Magdalson, Whatlington, No Battle at 11 a.m. on Thursday 19 December. Exquiries to 01424 773515.

PARKINSON - On December 12th, Elizabeth (née Gorman) aged 75 years of Grook, County Durhass. Dearly loved wife of Harry, loving mother of Robert and John. Friends please meet for Raquim Mass at St Cothberts RC Church, Crook, on Tuesday, 17th December, at 11am. Informent to follow. ROEINSON - On 11th
December 1996, in Newton
Abbot, Devon, Stella Mary
(née McLas), aged 84.
Memorial Service St.
Nichtolas Church, Ringmora,
Devon, on 1st March 1997.
All enquiries, T (Zark, 01626
775141.

ELIS - Maxwell Failip, on December 12th passed away peacefully at St George's December 1994. Nucleing Home, Cobham, Surzey (formerly of Townshand Road, London NWS). Funeral at Goldens Green Crematorium on Tuesday, December 17th at 3.30 pm. No flowers. Bonations to The Nelsons House in the Structure of London Not the L

Tarmouth, Norfolk.

BMALE - Henry Bertham, died paccefully, at Faraboxough Hospital, on 12th December, aged 75. Much beloved by his wife Phyl and his daughters Alison and Katis and gramschildren Rebecca, Lucy and Joseph. Funezai Service will be hald on Thussday 19th December, at Beckwaham Crematorium, 10am. Family Howest only. Donations to Friends of Guye of Princes Chappell & Son, 231 High Street, Bromley, tel: (0181) 460 1720.

THOMPSON - On 11th
December 1996 peacefully
in hospital, Vice Admiral Sir
Hegh Thempson, EBE, Ping,
of Corston, Bath, Greatly
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Private family fumers on
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c/o West Quay Road, Poole,
Dorset, BE15 1H2. A
Memorial Service will be
held in Bath Abbey to
commemment his life and
work on Priday 31st January
1997 at midday.

VOSS - Suddanly on December

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VUSS - Suddanly on December 11th, Dr. Graham Yoss aged 49 years of Amberley, Scoud, Glos. Much loved by Jenny, Andrew, Michael, Nichelas and Edward, Deloved by his family and many friends. Funeral Service at Holy Trintity Church, Amberley on Saturday 21st December at 11.00 am followed by internsent. Family flowers only, douglates in Hen may be sent for CLLC. Cic Philip Ford & Son Funeral Directors, Dirleton House, Cainscross Road, Strond.

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at the Graham Sea d Engineering School in 3h, he started out as a 15trainee fitter in the car "not a shopfloor man, but weeping-the-shopfloor man". r said. The Depression closed at particular career path, and in Appleby, like so many of his w northerners in that grim cade, set off for London in search of

He found it, eventually, in the domestic appliances division of HMV, where he started as a factory hand and rose to be stores manager and then production manager. During the Second World War he worked for a time in the Ministry of Production, and in 1946 was part of a team sent to Germany to consider that country's postwar industrial redevelopment.

When he arrived at Black & Decker's Harmondsworth plant in 1953, it was an insignificant offshoot of its American parent company. Three years later he was appointed chairman and managing director of the British operation. He went on to preside over almost two decades of rapid growth.

And it was Black & Decker's British and overseas business that grew most quickly. By the beginning of the 1970s, out of a total group turnover of



\$236 million, operations outside the US accounted for some \$119 million. with Britain alone responsible for half of that. Two further British plants were opened, and the 500strong workforce grew to 2,800. The company twice won the Queen's Award for Exports.

Such was Appleby's success with the British arm of the company that he was soon made responsible for the drive into other overseas markets. Eventually, bucking the trend of an era in which British businesses seemed to be coming increasingly under the influence of American management, he rose to be a key figure within the US parent company, being appointed chairman of its finance committee and deputy chairman of the main board, answer able only to Alonzo G. Decker himself.

Behind Appleby's achievements, according to his own analysis, was a combination of entrepreneurial instinct and rigorous management techniques. The former enabled him to spot and to exploit the vogue for DIY and "home improvements".

He saw to it that Black & Decker went all out to target the weekend handyman, using mass-media advertising to capture the developing massmarket. As production increased and costs were cut, price reductions

DR HAROLD EDWARDS

enabled the company to see off most

of its rivals. But that instinctive approach to the market had to be balanced, he insisted, by managerial discipline and control. To that end he employed a whole battery of formal techniques and was a strong advocate of the importance of non-capital investment (in management systems as well as research and development) — usually an early casualty whenever profits are threatened.

A fellow and founder member of the British Institute of Management; Appleby developed his ideas in numerous papers and lectures on business methods and systems. He drew on his experience at Black & Decker while serving as a member of the Prime Minister's productivity conferences of 1966 and 1967; the clothing industry Economic Development Committe ("little Neddy") of 1966; the council of the Confederation of British Industry; and the Post Office board, 1972-73. He

was appointed CBE in 1969.
Yet he disliked being associated with the trend towards so-called "scientific management" and admitted that the controls he had introduced at Black & Decker, while rigorous, were very much the products of his personal style.

In his search for a higher return on capital than the 15-20 per cent then regarded as normal in much of British industry, he believed in applying pressure as well as incentives. Everyone on the staff at Black & Decker, from office boy to managing director, was assessed once every six months. Each morning at 10.30 the chairman expected to find on his desk three pieces of paper showing the sales, orders and cash that had come into the business the previous day. Communication with the shopfloor was important, but trade unions were not. The top man in the business must make the most important decisions," he said.

Tired of international travel after some 400 foreign trips, and aware that many managers hang on for longer than they should, Appleby retired from the group board in 1972 at the age of 59, when he also relinquished the post of managing director in the UK. He remained chairman of the British operation until 1975. He admitted that anyone who wanted to change the systems he had set up would probably have to reorganise the company completely.

Outside work he applied the same energy and rigour to whatever he undertook, whether it was chess or horsemanship. When taking plano lessons, he would be up at Sam to practise. Regretting his lack of higher education, he was always an avid reader. In retirement he continued to study the theory and practice of management and organisation.
In 1936 he married Muriel Valmai

Jones, who died in 1994 after many years of separation. He is survived by two daughters of that marriage, and by the son and daughter of a long partnership with Elisabeth Friederike Eidmann, who died in

ELAINE GRIFFITHS

Elaine Griffiths, former tutor in English and Fellow of St Anne's College, Oxford, died on December 4 aged 87. She was born on June 26, 1909.

ONE of a trio of renowned Oxford English tutors which included Dorothy Bednarowska and Kirstie Morrison, Elaine Griffiths presided over a period when the English School at St Anne's became the strongest in the university. Dozens of today's writers, journalists and lecturers in English owe their careers to the training and love of learning engendered by those three,

Among Elaine Griffiths's star pupils were Libby Purves of The Times; Tina Brown of the New Yorker, the actress Maria Aitken; the journalist Gillian Reynolds: Professor Gillian Beer, President of Clare Hall, Cambridge; and Professor Jill Mann of Girton College, Cambridge.

In marked contrast to the present academic trend, in which publication is regarded as being of the utmost importance, Elaine Griffiths felt strongly that teaching the young was her prime duty as a university don. Because of this she did not advance her research projects as much as she might have done.

She was devoted to her supervisor, J. R. R. Tolkien, whom she admired as a scholar rather than as a writer of fairy tales. The admiration was evidently mutual and Tolkien regarded her as the best pupil he had ever had. Through her connections with Allen & Unwin in the 1930s the manuscript of The Hobbit came to the notice of the publishers.

A Roman Catholic, Elaine Griffiths was born into a family of strongly educational bent in the North of England. Her father, John Griffiths, was assistant secretary to Stoke-on-Trent education committee. She was educated at St Dominie's High School for Girls, Stoke-on-Trent. At school she was regarded as a thoughtful and highly original girl, a voracious reader with a rather independent and discriminating taste.

On entry to C she was offered an Open Scholarship by the Society of Oxford Home-Students (as St Anne's then was) but declined this in favour of the St Frideswide's Scholarship, preferred by her father. In her early career she was shy and a nervous examinee. Consequently her results - she took a second not the first that might have been expected did not represent her true quality. This was surprising in view of the reputation she later established as an impressive tutor.

After taking her finals in

1931 Elaine Griffiths was engaged in research under Tolkien and started her teaching career by giving informal tuition to undergraduates at Cherwell Edge, a Catholic hostel attached to the Society of Home-Students. In her area of speciality, which was Old English philology, she was immediately perceived as someone with a gift for teaching. She was one of those rare people who could make the study of philosophy clear and interesting to pupils whose natural bent was literary rath-

er than linguistic. She worked her pupils hard but would spare no effort to help them, both academically and, where possible, privately. Her lectures were always very well attended; her aim was not only to teach but also to entertain.

Elaine Griffiths held, at one time or another, nearly every college office and she was in the forefront of its transition from the Society of Oxford Home-Students to St Anne's Society (1942) and thence to St Anne's College (1952). She became a Fellow and tutor in English in 1938 and served the Society and St Anne's College for more than 40 years. She was prominent in university affairs as chairman of the English Faculty Board and as a member of the General Board.

At a crucial period in the building-up of the college site she took over the task of furnishing the Senior Common Room and the first modern residential building. She was the scourge of architects, designers, bursars, housekeepers, scouts and others involved with the running of the college, in her pursuit of the highest standards.

She will be remembered for what she did to improve the physical surroundings of St Anne's. Today, tangible witnesses to her taste and judgment (accompanied by a canny ability to drive a shrewd bargain) are everywhere to be seen. A great upholder of civilised aesthetic values, she had an eye for antiques and gave attention to the smallest details of cost and maintenance of the college and its

furnishings. Elaine Griffiths was a great iend to many Pamil leagues and guests knew her as a liberal dispenser of gin and sherry and an unparalleled adviser both on personal matters and on college traditions and standards. On college guest nights she was an excellent companion and hostess as well as a marvellous raconteur. She was particularly good at making younger colleagues feel val-

She retired in 1976 and was made Fellow Emeritus. Elaine Griffiths is survived by her companion of 55 years, Dr Renée Jaeger.



FLIGHTS

DIRECTORY

Dr Harold Edwards. neurologist, died on December 1 aged 83. H was born on May 18, 1913.

HAROLD EDWARDS was a consultant neurologist to St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, and the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital. He will be remembered for his major contribution to the training of medical students and young doctors and for the example he gave of precision in diagnosis and care for the patient.

Charles Harold Edwards was born in Manchester, the only son of Charles Alfred Edwards, FRS, a metallurgistand eventually Principal of University College Swansea. He was educated at Blundell's School, Tiverton, and qualified in medicine at Guy's

with the Navy during the war. He became a member of the Royal College of Physicians in 1946 and was elected a Fellow

Having first been appointed consultant neurologist to St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, in 1954, he practised neurology for most of his life without the aid of the latest technological advances. His neurology was based on the age-old methods of detailed history-taking and clinical examination, at both of which he was a master. He taught countless students to use their powers of observation and deduction. His clinical judgment was outstanding and included an awareness of the comfort and wellbeing of the patient. At a time when super-specialisation was pop-

Hospital Medical School in ular he taught an holistic 1937. After a brief time in approach to the practice of It was not surprising that

his ward rounds were packed with eager students, who also learnt from him the skills of communication. In the later years of his career he embraced the scientific advances and used them wisely. He was the first Director of Clinical Studies (DCS) at St Mary's Hospital Medical School, a post established to complement that of the Dean. As DCS he was responsible for overseeing the student curriculum and for the teaching and progress of all the clinical students.

He introduced progressive assessment to the medical school, which ran alongside the examination system and was an enormous help in assessing overall student performance. He realised the value of an attachment for the students to a general practice as part of their training. Although this had begun under Lord Moran many years previously, it needed revitalisation. He increased the number of general practices attached to the medical school, enabling all the students to be involved.

He also introduced an elective period into the curriculum, whereby a student could study and practise outside the medical school at any hospital or medical establishment in the United Kingdom or abroad for a period of three months. These attachments had to be self-funded, but Edwards helped to arrange scholarships when necessary The scheme was so successful that an elective period is now part of the curriculum in most medical schools.

ted that he would have been unhappy with the deanship as it is today involving so much university and national politics. Entrance to the medical school was based on A-level results but Edwards believed strongly in personal interviews to assess the suitability of the candidate to study medicine. He possessed a quick temper, not seen often but the more frightening because of this. He disliked pomposity

and detected it quickly, and

hated humbug of any kind.

In 1973 Edwards became

Dean of the Medical School.

by name and was perhaps the

last pastoral dean. He admit-

Throughout his life he was an inveterate gardener, and his garden at his home in Hampton Court was always colourful and well looked after. He relaxed watching rugby at Twickenham and, quite often, at Cardiff Arms Park. He was a frequent visitor to Lord's for major cricket matches. He also enjoyed dining at the Garrick, of which he had been a member for many years.

When he retired from St Mary's, Edwards continued for a time in private practice and from 1979 to 1985 was coordinator of special pro-grammes for the Wellcome Trust. Besides articles on neurology in the medical press, in 1973 he had a book on Neurology of Ear, Nose and Throat published. He had earlier written two other books in the same area, as well as contributing chapters to standard text-books. He married Heather

Montford in 1959 and she survives him, together with two daughters and a son.



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December 13, 1929 类型的

Three bulletins in one day and the gathering of the Royal Family emphasised the serious-ness of the King's illness, but it did not prevent the Queen from carrying out her public engagements. The King recovered to reign for another seven years.

a gloomy and depressing afternoon the Queen left her place beside the King to on Tuesday the Duke of York took the

place of his father and mother at the special matinee given in aid of the Royal National Life-boat Institution, so yesterday Queen Mary put aside the anxiety which touches her more nearly than anyone else in the Empire to do honour to the splendid body of men who night and day all through the war risked their lives in the defence of their country. She could have given no more touching proof of her gratitude for their heroic services and of her sympathy with the women and children who are left to mourn their dead. It was a gracious and queenly and womanly act.

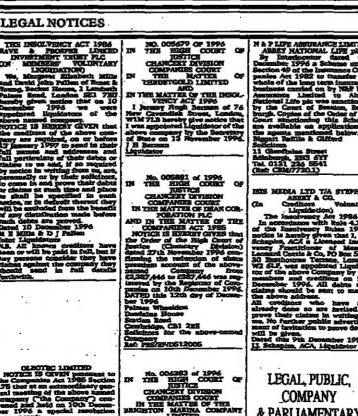
Prince George, having expressed his desire to come home, left Bermuda yesterday in H.M.S. Durhan (in which he is serving as a licutenam) for New York in order to catch the Berengaria, which will sail on Friday for England.

The Foreign Office announces that his Majesty's representatives at Paris. Rome and Berne have been instructed to convey to the Governments to which they are accredited an expression of the Prince of Wales's warm appreciation of the invaluable assistance afforded by them to His Royal Highness in expediting his journey through France, Italy and Switzerland.

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DRAINAGE OF THE CHEST The following bulletin was issued by

the King's doctors from Buckingham

Palace last night: "8.45p.m. - An

operation on the King for the drainage

of the right side of the chest has been successfully performed this evening.

The condition of His Majesty is satisfac-

tory." This was the last of three bulletins

issued from the Palace yesterday. The

afternoon report stated that some puru-

lent fluid round the base of the right

lung had been removed by puncture and that further drainage would be necessary. Sir Hugh Rigby, honorary

surgeon to the King, afterwards visited

the Palace, and the operation recorded

in the evening bulletin was performed.

[From a leading article]

The operation may mean progress.

unveil the War Memorial to over 12,000 of their number whose epitaph, in Her

Majesty's own words, is that they have no grave but the sea." At any ordinary time her visit to Tower Hill would have been just one more sign out of many of the unfailing interest taken by the Royal Family in everything connected with the fortunes of the Service. But coming at: this particular moment it had for all who were present at the ceremony a

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NEWS

BBC bans Blair from competition

Tony Blair was banned by the BBC from a competition for personality of the year run by the Radio 4 Today programme after a secret Labour Party attempt to try to rig the result.

The BBC closed written nominations for Mr Blair at midnight on Wednesday after the discovery of an "organised attempt" to distort the result in his favour. The unprecedented action by the BBC was approved by Tony Hall, its head of news and current affairs

Prince Charles sacks 14 advisers

The Prince of Wales dismissed the governing council of his Institute of Architecture. The 14 members, who include architects, engineers and public figures, were called to St James's Palace and asked by the Prince to resign. He said the

Germany firm on EMU Germany resisted heavy pressure from its EU partners and from France in particular over the rules of monetary union on the eve of the European summit in Dublin Pages 1. 12, 18, 19

Drugs link to suicides Two sixth-form boys may have committed suicide after being drawn into the drugs underworld, the principal of Sir John Deane's College in Northwich, Cheshire, told parents Page 1 Airline liability

Airlines will be liable for unlimited damages for accidents in which passengers are killed or injured, under rules agreed in Brussels by European Union transport ministers Page 2

Spice Girls vote Tory The Spice Girls, the provocative all-girl pop band, have announced that they back the Conservative Party and are "true Thatcherites"...Page 3

Dome gets go-ahead The Millennium Commission said the Millennium Exhibition

would take place, but no funding has been agreedPage 5 Damages for victims Victims of violent "copy cat" crimes should have the right to

under a giant dome at Greenwich

claim damages from the film or television makers, an entertainments lawyer said Page 7

Christopher Clunis, a paranoid schizophrenic who stabbed a stranger to death, won the right to sue a health authority for failing to care for him properly in the community...

Killer's right to sue

Easy ride for Chirac

Critics of President Chirac's latest television broadcast said that it was a stage-managed piece of theatre conducted by handpicked, "tame" and inexperienced young interviewers Page II Big spenders

American shopkeepers report a surge in "big spending" on luxury goods and a return to the freewheeling self-indulgence of the mid-1980s which may spread to Britain ...

Washington in the red Washington DC is heading for financial collapse unless the federal Government takes over responsibility for prisons, medical care and roads... ____ Page 13

Sexual torture, rape, beatings, mob killings and corruption have become hallmarks of Kenya's judicial system over the past five

Kenyan brutality

years, a report says Page 14 Israel defiant Israel promised to expand Jewish

settlements in response to the murder of two settlers: Palestinians promised more attacks against settlers....

Times gives frozen turkeys the bird

A blind tasting of turkeys organised by The Times found that blisters of white coagulated protein and smelled fishy from being fed on fish meal. Jane MacQuitty, our wine correspondent, said: "If this is the national diet at Christmas no wonder people look forward to the New Year"



The Royal Navy freefall parachute team practising for the 1997 International Air Day to be held in July at RNAS Culdrose

BUSINESS

Economy: The annual inflation rate remained unchanged at 2.7 per cent during November. The underlying rate was also unchanged at

Wickes: The DIY group whose former managers are under investigation by the Serious Fraud Office is seeking to raise £53 million from shareholders Fat cats: Utility bosses stayed away

from a working breakfast to promote the success of privatisations. Only five out of 80 so-called fat cats Page 23 turned up Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose

8.1 points to close at 3990.6. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 92.9 to 93.1 after a rise from \$1.6559 to \$1.6580 and from DM2.5516 to DM2.5598 ... Page 26

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Rugby union: Jason Leonard will captain England in the international against Argentina at Twickenham tomorrow after the withdrawal of Philip de Glanville with a thigh injury Page 44 Cricket: Michael Atherton, the captain, at last rediscovered some form

with the bat in making a halfcentury as England worked their way into a winning position on the penultimate day of their match against Matebeleland Page 44 Rugby union: Joel Stransky, the

South Africa stand-off half, signed a 22-year contract with

Motor racing: Nigel Mansell looks likely to agree a deal with Jordan and return to Formula One racing

Whiatie blower: Andrew Lloyd Webber's newest musical, Whistle Down the Wind, opens in Washington DC and Benedict Nightingale is not unimpressed, despite its relocation from northern England

to Louisiana Page 31 Top of the pops: if you thought David Sinclair's choice of the year's pop album and single releases would be bound to include Alanis' Morissette, think again Page 32 Art for Art's sake: Art Garfunkel

talks to Paul Sexton about his new album, his old successes, his former partner and his latest hobby walking across America....Page 33 Drama debut: Emma Fortune's po-

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Examine closely: A new report on education should be looked at carefully: what it reveals could lead to more government control of the curriculum at A level Page 37

A full life: Valerie Grove interviews

Lord Snowdon, who has a book out

on Monday and a National Theatre

exhibition in January, but still enjoys "idiot time" Page 17

on the longest trial in British legal

history, which draws to a close this

Christmas cousins: Disna, Prin-

cess of Wales, has made musins

fashionable again Page 17

The signing in Madrid today of the accord for the reintegration of 9,000 Guatemalan guerrillas underwrites the end of a 36-year war, the longest in Central America. The end of the cold war means the end of the civil war in the region ABC. Madrid

If one wants to break the rule of tutions, it is not the name of Francois Mitterrand that should have been given to the National Library, but that of François I, who was its — Le Figaro

THE THES

Preview: The celebrity wildlife show goes east. In the Wild: Asian Elephants with Goldie Hawn (ITV. 9pm). Review: Matthew Bond on a ___ Page 43 bathtime story ____

APPLOX

Dangers of disdain

The protection of sovereignty is not just the hunger for power of greedy politicians; it is the sine qua non of healthy democracy, and of a peaceful Europe

Trimble's tactics

David Trimble has now been cast as Westminster's Warwick the Kingmaker, the man with the power to produce an earlier election and almost certain Conservative

Old Tarzan's Cats

They are friends of Michael. Heseltine,

But to keep feline friendships fair. They also count on the support Of arch catophile, nice Mr .: Tony Blair___

BERNARD LEVIN

I am sure that any decent Australian, shown these papers, would be horrified. The trouble is, that these papers are not shown to Australians. Why should they be? After all, these papers concern only the entry to Australia for non-Australians Page 18

HERVE DE CHARETTE

France, having observed with interest the remarkable work of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, wants to make Europe more democratic, by giving national Parliaments a greater role alongside the European Parliament...

JOHN REDWOOD

It is time for the Cabinet to catch up with the united opinion in this country. Spare the veto and spoil the Union: wield the veto and unite party and country Page 18

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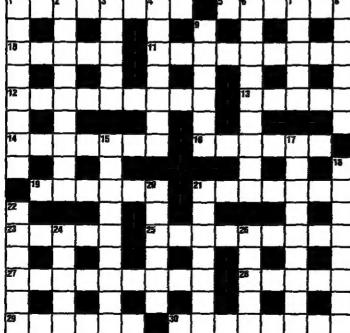
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 One who deserted a place of duty and then scoffed (8). 5 Source of lines originating in Wales for engine (b). 10 As a rule, waterfall can be heard

11 Shared room, overcome by laugh-12 Huge soldier taking standard round his country (9).

13 By the sound of it, undisciplined 14 Where fighting takes place and wounds are treated (7). 16 Delay returning fee pocketed by

19 More impecunious middleman? 21 Official making love in secluded

place (7). 23 William producing much commotion after game (5). 25 Babe lured to destruction by him?

Solution to Puzzle No 20.349

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27 Old airliner carrying only 50% of officers needed? Don't be dain (4,3.2). 28 Fish gave off unpleasant odour

30 Cowboy who was good at maths?

Claim, with pride, made by 'ealth resort (5).

 Retire one going astray in race across country (9).
 Air-liner's ultimate component in radio control (5). Young creature unfit to plead (7).
Kettle should bear examination

Show fashion line (5). 8 Buildog was this soldier's crea-

Ship's officer appears to sound contented about quarters (6).

Appraise what rustlers do (4.5). Campanologist may sound familiar (4.1.4). 18 Managing director to whom money is owed (8).

Brush off and polish again? (6). Noble joins sovereign in stern part of ship (?). 22 Summarise one switch in costs

24 Bone of bird in French enclosure (5).

26 Buffalo Bill giving two pounds away to child (5).

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□ London, E Anglia, Midlands, S Wales: cloudy, rain or sleet, wet snow in places, cleaning. Bright later. Wind brisk northeast Max 5C (41F).

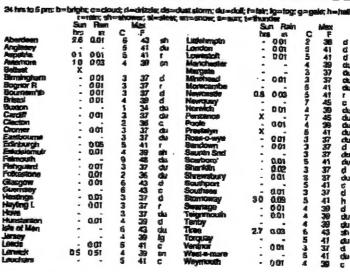
SE England, Central S England, SW England: cloudy, rain or sleet, wet snow in places, dearing in evening. Wind brisk northeast. Mex 5C (41F)

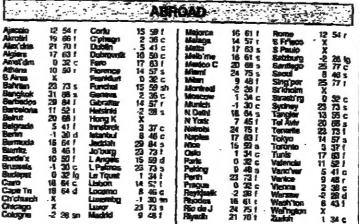
DE England, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee: bright or sunny intervals, steet or hall showers. Winds moderate northerly. Max SC (41F). Channel isles: cloudy rain or sleet. Wind fresh northeast. Max 6C (43F).

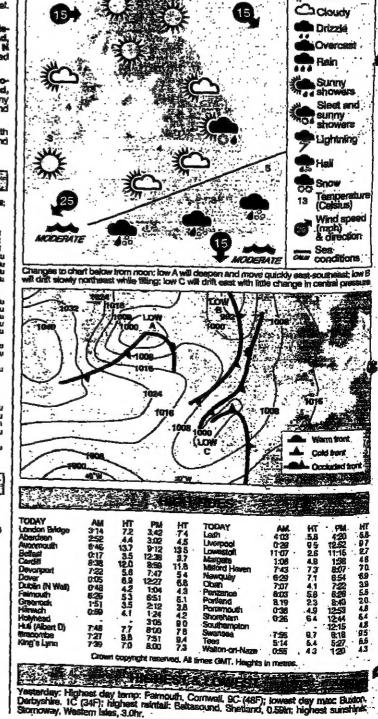
☐ N Wales, NW England, Lake Dis-trict, Isle of Man, Central N England, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: bright or surry periods, isolated wintry showers. Max 4C (38F).

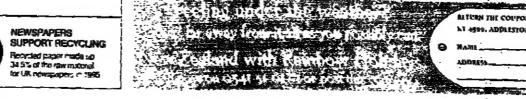
C. Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Mo-ray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: bright or sunny intervals. Showers dying out as cloud and rain someof from users. rain spread from west. Outlook changeable, the South bright or aumy for a time then cloud and rain spreading from the North

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